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THEATRICAL GOSSIP

Sir Charles Wyndham was overwhelmed with telegrams of congratulation on Monday, when he attained his seventy-seventh birthday. The veteran actor-knight is vigorous and hearty, and does not even contemplate retiring from the stage. He has, indeed, now in study a part in a new comedy, which he is shortly producing at the New Theatre. The play is from an American source, and is entitled "Nobody's Widow." Everyone will be glad to welcome Sir Charles back to active service on the stage.

The Lyceum is to have an attraction quite out of the ordinary early in next month. Mr. Seymour Hicks and Miss Ellaline Terriss having engaged to open there on Wednesday, April 8, with the amusing farce, "Broadway Jones," now running successfully at the Prince of Wales'. In thus making their appearance at the house opposite the scene of their former triumphs, Mr. Hicks and his charming wife will have the best wishes of all in the theatrical world.

Sir Johnston and Lady Forbes-Robertson paid a visit to the White House on Thursday and were introduced to President Wilson by the New York correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph." The President gave the distinguished English players a hearty welcome, and had a five minutes' conversation with them. The President told Sir Johnston that he had enjoyed his Hamlet on Monday night, and that Mrs. Wilson's great regret was her inability to attend a performance that week.

Miss Ellen Terry leaves London for her Australian and New Zealand tour by the R.M.S. Omrah on Friday. The distinguished actress will give about fifty of her Shakespearean discourses, comprising four distinct lectures, each one of about an hour's duration. She will be supported by Mr. Joseph Blanche in his musical monologues, and by other artists who will contribute to the remaining half of the evening's programme. Miss Terry is generously lending Sargent's wonderful study of Lady Macbeth, which is now on its way to Australia, to be exhibited in the National Gallery there.

Miss Irene Vanbrugh will be one of the speakers at the "At Home" given by Lady Gwendolen Guinness at 11, St. James's-square this (Wednesday) afternoon in connection with the Colonial Intelligence League.

Preparations for "Pygmalion" at His Majesty's are being rapidly perfected ready for production on April 11. The full cast consists of Sir Herbert Tree, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, Mr. Philip Merivale, Mr. Edmund Gurney, Mr. Alcegaon Greig, Miss Carlotta Addison, Miss Margaret Busse, Miss Geraldine Olliffe, Miss Rosamund Mayne-Young, Mr. Alexander Sarnet, Mr. Roy Ryford, and Miss Irene Delisse.

The Queen's Theatre will at Easter be taken over by Mr. George Grossmith and Mr. Edward Laurillard, who will produce an American play named "Potash and Perlmutter," based by the author, Mr. Montague Glass, on his own series of short stories. The principal personages of the play are types of American character, and the cast will be chiefly composed of Americans. April 14 is the date decided upon for the first production.

"Diplomacy" records on Thursday the anniversary of its revival at Wyndham's. About the middle of next month the remarkable play will end its present career, and will be succeeded by a new light comedy by Mr. Alfred Sutro, with Mr. Gerald Du Maurier and Miss Marie Lohr in the principal parts.

The impetus which led to the continuance of "Peggy and Her Husband" at the Royalty after the withdrawal had been announced is not apparently of an enduring character, for a new production is announced for April 21. It will take the form of a play by Mr. Edward Knoblauch, author of "Kismet," and part author of "Miles Smeaton," both of which plays have enjoyed an exceptional share of public favour.

Magisterial objection to children appearing on the stage after a certain hour was raised in the Westminster Court on Friday, when Mr. Stanley J. Paesmore applied for licences to enable four juveniles to take part in a performance of "Peter Pan" at the King's Theatre, Hammersmith. The magistrate said he was prepared to grant licences provided the children were off the stage at ten o'clock, but he would not grant them for a moment longer. "If I am wrong," added the magistrate, "I must be set right."

Four Russian operas will have their first English performance in Sir Joseph Beecham's forthcoming season at Drury-lane, opening on May 20. Three additions will be made to the repertoire of the ballet. Dr. Richard Strauss coming over to conduct the first three representations of his ballet, "La Legend de Joseph." A feature of the season will be the production of an English opera, the choric drama of Mr. Joseph Holbrook and Mr. T. B. Ellis.

The Shakespeare International Alliance, recently founded by Mr. F. R. Benson, seeks to support and extend the work done at Stratford-on-Avon by folk-dance and handicraft. An article by Sir John Gray Hill suggests the endowment of a company, or companies, to present Shakespeare at selected centres.

Mr. C. I. Colton asks us to acknowledge in our columns the sum of £9 10s., which has been forwarded to the Actors' Benevolent Fund by the secretary of the Salford Charity Carnival.

The 20th performance of "The Pearl Girl" at the Shaftesbury coincided with the arrival of a new heroine in the person of Miss Fay Compton, the youthful widow of the lamented Polly M. E. J. Pellissier, and the daughter of the famous pioneer of old English comedies. Miss Compton has all the daintiness and vocal resource required for the part, and made a very promising debut in musical comedy.

The Shakespeare Festival, which is this year under the direction of Mr. Patrick Kirwan, will be opened by Sir Herbert Tree on Monday afternoon, April 20, with a performance of "Othello," in which Sir Herbert will play Othello, Mr. H. B. Irving Iago, Mr. Henry Ainley Cassio, and Miss Phyllis Neilson-Terry Desdemona. In the evening Mr. Arthur Bourchier will appear as Shylock, in "The Merchant of Venice." Other notable visitors will be welcomed on Monday afternoon, April 27, when Mr. Oscar Asche and Miss Lily Brayton will give a performance of "The Taming of the Shrew." On Thursday afternoon, April 30, Mr. H. B. Irving will appear as Hamlet. The Festival play is "Much Ado About Nothing."

Two Elizabethan plays other than those of Shakespeare will be produced during the Festival. The first, "The Two Angry Women of Abington," was written by Henry Porter (who collaborated with Ben Jonson and Chettle), and was published in 1599. The second, "A Woman is a Weathercock," was written by Nathaniel Field, the actor-comedian, one of the six principal comedians engaged by Ben Jonson for " Cynthia's Revels." It was probably written in 1606 or 1607.

Mr. Martin Harvey has had the privilege of being entertained at public luncheons by the members of the Canadian clubs at practically all the towns which he has yet visited in the Dominion. The Canadian Club is an institution organized to further public and imperial spirit among its members all over the Dominion, and their luncheons are usually followed by an address given by the guest of the occasion. Mr. Martin Harvey has usually, therefore, taken for his subject "The Drama and Empire."

Among other institutions Mr. Harvey has addressed the Women's Art Association of Montreal, the Drama League at Ottawa, the Women's Canadian Clubs of Belleville, and the Art and Letters Club at Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Harvey have also had the honour of being entertained at Government House, Ottawa, by their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and at the Government House of Ontario by Col. the Hon. Sir John Gibson, K.C.M.G., and Lady Gibson, and by Col. Sir Henry Pellatt, C.V.O.

Playgoers at home will be interested to learn that both "The Only Way" and "The Breed of the Treehams" have played to larger attendances than in the history of either play. Mr. Harvey's visit to His Majesty's Theatre, Montreal, broke all previous records, not even excepting the visit of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt a short time ago, and the visit to Toronto was so successful that the house could well have been filled twice over during the last five nights of the engagement.

A record in the attendance of children at Shakespearean performances has probably been created at the Savoy during the run of Mr. Granville Barker's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." In the six weeks that have passed since the play was staged no fewer than 4,350 children have visited the theatre.

"Magic," which has gone on so gallantly at the Little for a hundred and fifty nights, will end on Saturday. "The Music Cure," which preceded Mr. G. K. Chesterton's fantastic play, will live on in variety, for it has been put on at the Palace Theatre.

The Dramatic Committee of the Lyceum Club has just held a three-act play competition, which Mr. Frederick Harrison has judged. He placed the first three plays in this order: (1) "The Duke's Dances," by Miss Bertha N. Graham; (2) "Sweets of Office," by Mrs. Lucy Dale and Mr. Holmes Gore; (3) "The Blindness of Philip Harland," by Mr. and Mrs. Durant. The club will produce "The Duke's Dances" at a special matinee early in the autumn.

According to an announcement in the "Daily Chronicle," there is every probability that before long there will be two People's Theatres open in London. It will be remembered that Miss Rosina Filippi has been a strong advocate for the establishment of People's Theatres upon lines which have proved successful in the case of the "Teatro Popolare" in Milan and other similar theatres in Italy and in Germany. Miss Filippi has so far brought her scheme to fruition that she will start operations at the Victoria Hall, Waterloo-road, on Easter Monday, with "The Merchant of Venice," to be followed on other evenings with "The School for Scandal," "Romeo and Juliet," and possibly a Bernard Shaw play.

The second scheme, which it is hoped to bring to a successful issue, is in connection with old Sadler's Wells Theatre, which has for some years been under the management of Mr. Frederic Baugh. Recently there has been a proposal to turn the theatre into a picture palace, but active steps are being taken to preserve the house so closely associated with the fame of Samuel Phelps, for a purpose more in accordance with its ancient traditions. Mr. Edward Compton, the well known actor-manager, has expressed his approval of the scheme, and is prepared to come to Sadler's Wells with his own company and open a "People's Theatre" season with a week of classic drama and comedy at "people's prices."

A public meeting, for which Mr. Baugh has kindly promised to lend his theatre, is to be held on Friday, April 24. Mr. W. R. Corke, the Mayor of Finsbury, who has expressed his keen interest in the proposal, has consented to take the chair, and the speakers will include Sir George Alexander, Mr. Matheson Long, Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, Mr. William Peel, Miss Rosina Filippi, and Mr. Edward Compton.

Today "The Great Adventure" reaches, with its 41st performance, the anniversary of its first production at the Kingsway. Omitting musical comedies which lend themselves to "new editions," only twelve plays have reached 400 consecutive performances in London during the present century. The list is headed by Bernard Shaw's "Fanny's First Play," which Miss McCarthy and Mr. Granville Barker produced at the Little Theatre and removed to the Kingsway, where it reached its 628th performance.

The Stage Society's third production of the season will be Mr. Frank Harris's play "The Bucket Shop," which will be produced at the Aldwych on Sunday evening next and repeated the following afternoon.

Among those who will take part in the dramatic reading of "Julius Caesar," to be given by the British Empire Shakespeare Society, under the direction of Mr. Acton Bond, on Friday afternoon, at the University College, are Mr. Gerald Lawrence, Mr. Claude King, Mr. Acton Bond, Mr. Fawcett Llewellyn, Mr. H. A. Saintsbury, Miss Mary Mackenzie, Miss May Purcell, and Miss Nora Lancaster. The Chorus of Citizens will be represented by members of the London Reading Circles.

The Stage Players' next production will be given on Friday, April 3, at the Ambassadors' Theatre, when a new three-act comedy entitled, "A Royal Chef," by A. Kenward Matthews, will be presented. Mr. Ben Webster will play the title-role.

The committee of the "Charley's Aunt" Club has arranged for the next meeting to take place at Manchester on Tuesday afternoon, April 7, during the visit of the company to the Prince's Theatre. All members who happen to be in the vicinity are requested to communicate with the hon. sec., Mr. J. R. Cranford, at the Prince's Theatre. The president, Mr. Brandon Thomas, hopes to preside on this occasion.

Mr. W. W. Kelly is reaping a rich reward from his spirited policy at the Shakespeare Theatre, Liverpool, and a large number of managers have indicated their desire to arrange dates. A notable indication of the wide interest that is being created by the running of a first-class theatre at what are called "popular prices" is reflected by a cable Mr. Kelly received last week, which offers him the chance of staging for the first time in England a big American attraction.

Sir Joseph Beecham, Mr. George R. Sims, Mr. A. M. Loader (of the Aldwych), and other well-known people travelled to Liverpool on Monday in order to witness the first performance in the Mercury city of "The Ever-Open Door," which was enthusiastically received at the Shakespeare Theatre by a crowded house.

Miss Edith Cole (Mrs. W. W. Kelly) is to forsake her retirement in order to make a few special appearances as the Empress Josephine in "A Royal Divorce," beginning at the Marlborough Theatre, Holloway, on Monday next.

The O'Mara Opera Company paid its first visit to Falmirk last week, and provided the musical event of the season. Mr. O'Mara appeared on three occasions during the week, singing the parts of Tannhauser, Canio ("Pagliacci"), and Lohengrin. The visit of the company was of special interest to Falmirk opera-goers, as it included two local artists, Miss Netta Elliot and Mr. Wm. Russell.

Mr. Wm. Crusha, proprietor of the "Tottenham and Edmonton Weekly Herald," writes on behalf of Mr. Joseph L. S. Moss, who for many years controlled the Theatre Royal, Edmonton, but who, through keen competition, was obliged to give up his lease and is unable to secure employment. Immediate help is necessary, but an engagement, where his long experience and abilities could be utilised, would place him on his feet again. Mr. Crusha would be pleased to receive subscriptions and offers of employment for Mr. Moss.

"The Mob," Mr. John Galsworthy's new play, will be produced at the Gaiety Theatre, Manchester, on Monday next. At the same theatre another series of matinees by Miss Jean Sterling Mackinlay has been arranged for Tuesday next and the two following afternoons. Miss Mackinlay will again be assisted by Mr. Harcourt Williams, who will give "Poems by Young Poets of To-day."

The second conference of the British Playgoers' Federation will take place at Bristol on Saturday, March 28, under the presidency of Mr. J. T. Grein. Delegates from the Playgoers' Clubs of London, Bristol, Birmingham, and many other towns will be present.

Gentlemen representative of civic and theatrical life in the city assembled at the Theatre Royal, Birmingham, on Thursday with the object of presenting a handsome illuminated address to Mr. Harry Lewis to mark his ninth year of office as chairman of the company. Among those present were Messrs. Philip Rodway, Leon Salberg, and Harry Rushworth. Evidence of Mr. Lewis's popularity was given by the fact that the presentation lists had been over-subscribed. Felicitous speeches were delivered, and at the close Mr. Leon Salberg suggested that the surplus contributions should be forwarded to the Women's Hospital, a proposal that was carried unanimously.

A crowded "benefit house" was the tribute paid at the Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, on Tuesday evening to Mr. Herbert Barnes, the musical-director and pantomime producer. The members of the pantomime company worked hard for the success of the function, and several artists augmented the programme, among these being Will Gardner, Ray Ford, and Mona Magnet. During the evening presentations were made to Mr. Barnes, including a dinner service from the company.

Miss Winifrede Dryden (daughter of the late J. P. Dryden) has good reason to be proud of the progress she is making. This young actress is concluding a third tour with Mr. Max Allen and Mr. Edwin G. Hay's principal companies as Beatrice in "Hindie Wakes," and is now engaged by Mr. Philip B. Ridgeway for the title-part in that powerful play, "Jane Clegg."

We understand that plans are being prepared for the erection of an up-to-date and commodious theatre on the site of the Gloucester Palace which will be razed to the ground. The stage of the new building will be of such dimensions as to accommodate the largest companies travelling, and the seating capacity will be upwards of 2,000 people. It is expected that the new building will be completed by the early autumn.

The Palace is the old Theatre Royal, one of the old Patent Theatres, and in its palmy days, the majority of the leading players performed there, including Garrick, Kemble, Matthews, Irving, Ellen Terry, J. L. Toole, and Edward Terry. Two local tradesmen, Messrs. Dutton and Ireland, held the theatre for many years. Then Mr. James Ireland became sole proprietor. He was succeeded by Madame Norina, who was followed by Mr. Robt. Burge, of Cheltenham. On his demise Mrs. Burge took up the proprietorship, and at her death her executors ran the house until it was purchased by C. W. Poole, of Myriamama fame. Subsequently the name was altered to the Palace, and on the formation of Poole's Theatres, Ltd., it became one of the houses controlled by that company. It is at present leased to Mr. Will Smithson.

At the close of the performance of "Davy Garrick" on St. Patrick's night, at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin, Mr. Edward Compton was called upon for a speech. He said that on a night of that kind he might be permitted to wish them what they had so often wished him—a Cead Mille Faille. And he would like to add to that a hundred thousand thanks for their great reception. In the best sense of the words, this was essentially an Irish night. To begin with, it was St. Patrick's night. St. Patrick was not only a gentleman, but he was also something more—he was an Irish gentleman. (Applause.) Then, as to the programme that night, it was all Irish. "Davy Garrick," which they had just played, was written by an Irishman, Musker, and the Screen Scene, which would follow, was, he need hardly tell them, a portion of the comedy of the witest dramatist the world had ever known—Richard Brinsley Sheridan. (Applause.)

"But how about myself?" continued Mr. Compton. "Well, I was once confronted with the question is this very theatre, 'Of what nationality are you?' and I reply now, as I did then, 'I am a Scotchman by descent, an Englishman by birth, and after your invariable kindness to me for so many years, I thank Heaven I feel able to say I am an Irishman by adoption.' (Applause.) In conclusion, I would with renewed thanks finish this little Irish speech with a yet more beautiful little Irish speech than that with which I began, and say 'Beannacht do Bhaibh.'"

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"A SOCIAL SUCCESS."

Playlet, by Max Beerbohm, Produced for the first time on the theatrical stage at the St. James's Theatre on Wednesday, March 18. Tommy Dixon Mr. Reginald Owen Earl of Amersham Mr. B. Vivian Reynolds Henry Robbins Mr. George Bishop Hawkins Mr. Frank Dane Countess of Amersham, Miss Elizabeth Cheney Duchess of Huntingdon Miss Muriel Barby

"A Social Success," which was originally produced at the Palace Theatre in January last year, certainly gains by its new environment, and its delicate satire was vastly enjoyed at the St. James's when Sir George put it on last Wednesday evening as a curtain-raiser to Mr. Alfred Sutro's play, "The Two Virtues." It will be remembered that Tommy Dixon, to put an end to his enormous popularity, cheats at cards while playing poker with his guests at his flat. One and all desert him immediately, and he is left reflective. Just as he is about to console himself with a soda and whisky, his friend Henry Robbins dashes the glass down, and spills the contents on the carpet. Robbins thinks that Tommy is about to end it all with poison; but instead of seeking such a way out, Tommy is rejoicing at his freedom. But as one of his guests remarks, there are worse things than cheating at cards, and each of those who had fled from him in disgust returns. The Countess of Amersham is prepared to throw herself in his arms, and the Duchess of Huntingdon phones him an offer of marriage. Mr. Reginald Owen plays exceedingly well as Tommy, and Mr. E. Vivian Reynolds, Mr. George Bishop, and Miss Elizabeth Cheney aid the success.

"The Two Virtues," a comedy that has much brilliant dialogue, has been condensed somewhat, with the result that the performance goes more briskly. Sir George Alexander in the whimsical character of the artful, absent-minded, philosophic, and middle-aged historian, Jeffery Pantoon, has a part in which his gifts for comedy serve him well. He has been taken out of the beaten rut by Mr. Sutro, and the result is a delightful experience for the audience, and, we may add, for the actor. Miss Henrietta Watson is perfect as the shrewd sister, Lady Milligan; Mr. Herbert Waring's study of the vain poet is quite remarkable; Miss Martha Hedman is at her best in the third act in the replies of Mrs. Guildford to Lady Milligan's exposure of her past. The whole scene might be made so melodramatic; but such a catastrophe would be impossible at the St. James's with such a clever cast, which includes Miss Athene Seyler, a fascinating Isabel; Miss Rhoda Symons, Mr. George Bishop, and Miss Mary Lane.

PLAYLETS AT COSMOPOLIS.

Of the four playlets presented by Miss Kitty Willoughby at Cosmopolis on Friday afternoon last the best written and the most interesting was that from the pen of Inez Bensusan, and entitled "The Prodigious Passes." Robb Hallam, the wastrel son, returns from the Boer war to home and an aged mother, broken in health and fortune through his heartless conduct. His name has appeared in the list of killed in action, and the old lady, whose eyesight is so bad that she does not recognise her boy in the bearded man—so strangely silent—murmurs nothing but forgiveness and excuses for his folly. The devotion of Mary Reave, at one time her boy's sweetheart, is the one factor that has made the humble cottage a haven of peace and rest. It is better, therefore, that the mother should never know that her boy is still alive, and as Robb Hallam passes finally out of the lives of the two women, the younger utters a cry of despair. "Come back!" as she leans, a weeping figure, on the closed door. Mr. Francis J. Duguid played Robb Hallam with the requisite air of contrition; Miss Inez Bensusan showed considerable feeling in the part of Mary Reave; and Miss Kate Royle would have made the utterance of the mother more impressive had she been less inclined to marionette-like movements of the head.

The plot of "Pamela's Predicament" is similar to that of "The Marriage of Kitty." Pamela, in accordance with an eccentric will of an aunt, has to marry by a certain date, or else she loses a fortune of £2,000 a year. The man of her choice is Harry Morland, a poor artist, who is not favourably impressed by her frowzy get-up. When her coiffure is made more becoming and her dress is decorated with a lace collar, he falls in love with her, but does not recognise her as Pamela. Eventually, of course, they fall into each other's arms. The authors, Miss Fitzgerald, has treated a promising theme amateurishly. Mr. Eric H. Albury, who produced, Miss Dorothy Overend, and Miss Marjorie Theobald scored in their respective characters.

"The Chance" was produced at the Court some few weeks ago, but has since been shortened and the number of characters reduced. Vera Maitland, the mistress of Jack Vayne, learns from the lips of his wife that he is a married man. In her despair she takes an overdose of a sleeping draught. Miss Kitty Willoughby, tall and attractive, was wanting in grace of movement, and mistook noise for power, but she had some good moments in the part of the fascinating Phryne. Mrs. Vayne was made dowdy and colourless by Miss Edith Carter. The wife of a successful barrister should have looked much smarter. The authors might with advantage strengthen the scene between the two women. Mr. Heath Haviland did all that was necessary for the part of Jack Vayne. "Art and Indigestion," the last piece on the quadruple bill, told the story of two indifferently mated couples, who agree to "change over." The result of the proposed experiment was not quite clear. Perhaps it was just as well that it was mercifully hidden from the audience. The acting calls for no comment.

A pianoforte and vocal recital will be given by Miss Johanna Heymann and Mr. Edward Lamb, an accomplished tenor, at Bechstein Hall on Monday evening next.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Edward Stirling expect to be in England about April 21 after a six months' successful engagement in repertory with the African Theatres Trust.

A new drama, entitled, "Thou Art the Man," by James J. Hewson, will be produced by Mr. Harold Wagner at the Eden Theatre, Bishop Auckland, on Friday. Miss Ada Tilley is sending the play on tour in the autumn.

An up-to-date revival of the domestic drama, "Loet in London," is being taken on tour. Miss Enid Lorimer is the Nelly, Miss Dorothy Charles Tiddy, and Job Armory in the hands of Mr. Russell Norrie, who is also responsible for the production of the play.

Mr. Gervase Elwes, who was engaged to sing the tenor part in "The Dream of Gerontius" at the musical festival in Peterborough Cathedral in May, has declined to undertake the part in consequence of the Dean and Chapter requiring that certain portions of the poem by Cardinal Newman which are not wholly in keeping with Anglican teaching should be omitted. Mr. Elwes, who is a Roman Catholic, is justified in his protest for the expurgation of words written by a Catholic to Catholic words is carried to an inordinate extent. In some issues of Rossetti's "Stanzas," for instance, one will find words differing entirely in spirit and meaning from those to which this music was originally written.

"THE LORD MAYOR."

A Comedy in Three Acts by Edward McNulty, Produced for the first time at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, on March 17. Mrs. Murphy Miss Sheila O'Sullivan Mrs. Moloney Miss Nuala O'Byrne Gaffney Mr. Reginald Montgomery Kelly Mr. Michael Hayes O'Brien Mr. Sean Connolly Mrs. O'Brien Miss Maureen Delaney Moira O'Brien Miss Kathleen McCarthy Scannlan Mr. Michael Coniffe Doherty Mr. Edward Reardon Mrs. Moran Miss Ethel Fletcher Mr. Butterfield Mr. Arthur Shields Lackey Mr. Thomas O'Neill

It is plain that the author is abounding in chaff at the Dublin Corporation, and particularly at the manner in which the chief magistrate was selected some dozen years ago. Jennie O'Brien, an ironmonger, to satisfy his wife's ambition, becomes a member of the City Council. He has never opened his mouth to make any kind of speech, but he has been so zealous in his attention to committee work that he neglects his own business, with the result that a meeting of his creditors is held in a solicitor's office. He can only pay 2s. in the £. The creditors, among whom are at least three members of the Corporation, are insistent upon 15s. Gaffney, the solicitor, suggests a plan by which they would receive 10s. 6d. in the pound. It is no other than the election of O'Brien as Lord Mayor. His colleagues in the Council laugh at the absurd idea. "Wass," they ask, "is O'Brien's qualification for Lord Mayor?" "Why," replies Gaffney, "the best of all qualifications. Isn't he head over heels in debt?" O'Brien, who is a poor weak creature, protesting feebly that he would never be able to fill the position, is elected almost in spite of himself.

We see O'Brien installed in the Mansion House, from one of the windows of which he makes a speech, which has been prepared for him, like all his orations, by young Kelly, Gaffney's clerk. An emissary from the Castle arrives, and promises the Lady Mayoresse that if her husband consents to receive the King, whose visit is impending, a baronetcy will be conferred upon him, and she will bear perpetually, instead of for one year, the title of "My Lady." Her husband will also be made an Insurance Inspector with a good salary. O'Brien wavers between the tempting bait and his own principles, but eventually he spurns the bribe, and, to the surprise of Gaffney as well as of those of his political supporters, remains an unbending independent Nationalist. There is also a love story running through the play. Gaffney, after making O'Brien Lord Mayor, asks for his reward, namely, his daughter's hand, but she spurns his suit, and marries Gaffney's clever clerk.

The play is cleverly written, and the dialogue bright, breezy, and racy of the soil, but the piece would be improved by the omission of the two charwomen, who are vulgar and unnecessary. As Gaffney, the 'cute, far-seeing lawyer, Mr. Reginald Montgomery was excellent, and Mr. Sean Connolly gave a delightful character study of the weak-minded O'Brien; Miss Delaney was convincing as the Lady Mayoresse, and Miss Kathleen McCarthy looked charming as her daughter; Moira, Mr. Michael Coniffe was vastly amusing as one of the creditors; and Mr. Michael Hayes looked the typical attorney's clerk. The play had a hearty reception, and at the close the audience insisted on the author, Mr. McNulty, making his bow.

"THE ORANGEMAN."

A Play in One Act, by St. J. G. Ervine, Produced for the first time at the Abbey Theatre, Dublin on March 17.

John McClurg Mr. A. P. Wilson Tom McClurg Mr. Sean Connolly Andy Howron Mr. Thos. O'Neill Mrs. McClurg Miss K. McCarthy

"The Orangeman" naturally bears a great resemblance to the same author's longer play "Mixed Marriages." Its chief character is a Belfast workman, John McClurg, whose father and grandfather had proudly taken part in the Twelfth July celebrations. John is living ill with rheumatism, and moaning and groaning because he cannot take his accustomed place in the anniversary procession on the following day. John McClurg is a bigot without knowing it, but neither his wife nor his only son share his extreme principles. At his imperative request, his wife brings him in the big drum which has been a cherished heirloom in his family. It is his proud boast that he has beaten it so vigorously that the sticks have drawn blood from his wrists. He wants his son to carry that drum in to-morrow's procession, for if a McClurg were not there the name would be dishonoured. The son refuses, and there is a tiff, the end of which is that Tom McClurg, with a vigorous kick, lays the drum "hors de combat."

The play teems with witty dialogue, both Protestant and Catholic coming in for many a sharp thrust. Mr. Sean Connolly was capital as McClurg's son, and well maintained the North of Ireland accent; Mr. A. P. Wilson excellently realised the bigot who hates all Irishmen who are not Orange men, and who loves the devil better than he does a Catholic; Miss Kathleen McCarthy as Mrs. McClurg and Mr. Thos. O'Neill as Andy Howron were both quite good.

The Drama Society will present Raimund Wilson's new English version of "Un Caprice," "Le Petit Abbé," and "Jean-Marie" at the Rehearsal Theatre on Tuesday afternoon next.

On behalf of the "Napoleon" Proprietary Syndicate (Paris), Mr. Arthur Jefferson will shortly present "Napoleon and Josephine," adapted from the French by Gordon Smith. M. Jean Buonaparte has been secured for the presentation of Napoleon. The tour will commence in August.

We are informed of the death at Burnley of Mr. Clement Lockane, for many years conductor with the George Edwards company. He was at his post up to three weeks ago, but took a severe cold and developed rapid consumption, to which he succumbed on Friday morning last.

Box Office Attractions, Ltd., was registered on March 19 with the object of entering into agreement with Geo. Grossmith and E. Laurillard and to acquire any freehold or leasehold property, and carry on business of theatre proprietors, and in particular to provide for production of cinematograph exhibitions, stage plays, &c. The capital, as stated by Jordan's Daily Register, is £5,000 (4,900 preferred £1 shares and 1,000 deferred 1s. shares). The directors are G. Grossmith, E. Laurillard, and C. Wilmot.

The Birmingham Alexandra Theatre pantomime supper is looked upon as one of the leading social events of the season, and on Sunday evening members of the "Cinderella" company and a few friends to the number of forty assembled at the Woolpack Hotel at the invitation of Mr. Leon Salberg, the proprietor of the theatre. Presiding over the health of the company, Mr. Salberg thanked them for working so harmoniously together for the success of the pantomime. Mr. Leon Salberg responded.

FACING THE MUSIC.

By JAMES M. GLOVER.

The announcement that Miss Gerie Millar is going into variety comes at a time when the general public is considering more or less the advantages or otherwise of the breaking up of the second dynasty of the Gaiety artistic Empire, for what the Nellie Farren-Fred Leslie-Teddy Royce-Edward Terry and Kate Vaughan "cabinet" did for the Strand House, the until recently Gerie Millar-Edmund Payne-George Grosvenor, jun., combination also accomplished. This wonderful coterie, which has proved so successful, has now been dismembered and disintegrated, and we have "After the Girl" with an entirely new "government," which Mr. George Graves has refused to join under two hundred and fifty pounds per week.

It seems then that the "revue" which one meets everywhere has done something to alienate the musical comedy public, and that real comic opera or opera bouffe will have to step in, as it does every decade, and once more assert itself. Herein lies the chance of the English musician—if he is worth his salt—but whether he will rise to the occasion or not remains to be seen.

A National Conference of the Musical-Directors of Great Britain is being called to deal with recent musical upheavals, and any letters thereon addressed to the writer at "The Era" office will receive full consideration.

If Mr. Josef Hofbrooke would put as much humour into his music as he manages to squeeze into his circular propaganda, then I can see the possibility of his achieving something more permanent than the mere ephemeral production of works which, though clever in themselves, add little to the musical literature of the moment. He has stated that his new opera, "of course," "with him," as the lawyers say, Lord Howard de Walden will be the "failure of the season," which is a pessimistic way of talking which brings an advertisement of questionable value.

It is not generally known that Miss Enid Bell, the handsome leading lady in "A Pair of Silk Stockings" at the Criterion, is the daughter of a once popular, but now retired, comic opera prima donna, Miss Agnes Delaport, whose first London appearance, if I remember rightly, was in "The Pay of Fire," a Henry Herman-Edward Jones comic opera at the Opera Comique now nearly a quarter of a century ago.

The prospectus is out of the Sir Joseph Beecham season at Drury Lane, and has been lengthily analysed and dealt with in all the Press. I am afraid that Mr. Nijinsky will regret that he is no longer in this social success, which the last year's season proved to be. But independent of the Russian dancer, there seems to be a sufficiently large array of stars, of whom I hope none will be so vain as to be led by a few laudatory Press criticisms to think that they can be a music hall Atlas and carry an artistic audience on their own shoulders. There are really very few Pavlovas, and as a male dancer has not got quite the same personality and charm, the chances of a success out of the general environment is very small.

I do not particularly mind what music I listen to so long as it is good music, but I must make a gentle protest against the use of the best masters for this eternal up-and-down motion which constitutes the new school of Russian dancing. Stead, "The Perfect Cure," first started this sort of terpsichorean trickery, and for all purposes of the stage his music fitted the movements much more symmetrically.

The adaptation of the titles of popular songs for drama titles has been referred to as a questionable advantage, and the short run of "You made me love you" at the Lyceum, where it is to be succeeded by Mr. Seymour Hicks in "Broadway Jones," with "Tommy Atkins" to follow, is another evidence of the fact. If this piece tours the country it is possible that the original title, "The White Hand," will be resorted to.

I hear of the approaching marriage of the youngest Miss Valli Valli, one of a clever trio of sisters who owe all their musical education to their aunt, Mrs. Joseph Watson, the widow of the recently deceased Mr. J. Watson, the Paris correspondent of Reuter's. Mrs. Watson some years ago invented "The Japs," which shared with "The Polka" the distinction then of being the only troupe of concert parties which could draw a house. The lady is a composer of no mean ability, and a pianist of exceptional force and distinction.

King Edward made "The Japs" for it was merely an "accident" when he was on the Royal yacht at Cowes Regatta that "The Japs" were singing their repertoire on an adjacent boat, and, of course, merely an "accident" that the then London correspondent of Reuter's happened to be about when His Majesty asked the clever trio on board after dinner; and merely an "accident" that every newspaper in England knew about it the following morning. They were a wonderfully clever quartette. The male single member, Mr. Mars, is long since deceased.

Matters in the country have taken a peculiar turn with certain musical comedy "successes" which will change hands after Easter week, and probably be run with companies which will be

only less numerically than the present contingents. The provinces are feeling the "draught" very badly, and a great deal is due to the similarity of the plays themselves, and also of the titles. "The Girl on the Film" printing is mixed up with "The Girl From Utah," and next week we have "The Girl in the Train," and then "The Girl Who Didn't," and further other "Girls," so much so that the public is confused and really never knows which is which, or whether they are assisting at a drama, a comedy, or a musical play. Believe me, this is a very important matter, and has only to be gone into for its real importance to be gauged. Returns show that those musical plays which have lately made the most money are those with the more distinctive titles, and this ought to be borne in mind by the London "Universal Providers" before they hail-mark their wares with worn-out appellations.

Mr. John Tiller informs me that the musical market in South Africa is so poorly stocked that he has decided to take out a small double quartette of first-class musicians on his next trip out there.

From time to time amateurs write to me in my private capacity and ask where or when they can see for future treatment those operas which are not regularly played, and which are usually employed by amateur operatic societies; so I have culled a few dates for April and May, as the Lenten season more or less prohibits these functions:—

March 30-April 4—"Bonita," Brixton Theatre, S.W.
April 13-16—"Erminie," London Theatre, Tottenham.
April 13-18—"Mikado," Grand Theatre, Croydon.
April 27-29—"Princess Ida," Assembly Rooms, Surbiton.
April 28-30—"Yeomen of the Guard," Agricultural Hall, Canterbury.
April 30-May 2—"Patience," Assembly Rooms, Surbiton.
May 20 and 21—"Tom Jones," Cripplegate Theatre.

I met Zacharzewitch, the well-known pianist, in Oxford-street on his way to his bank to store away some well-gotten gold which he had accumulated on a foreign tour. He tells me that he has just written a trio for violin, piano and voice, which in a few weeks he will pour forth to a wonder-loving musical world.

I am sorry to hear that Mr. Norman Bath, the well-known musician, has had an accident. Here's wishing him a speedy recovery.

It is no secret that Mr. George Bernard Shaw has ambitions in the way of writing a comic opera. In fact, he has often approached me on the subject, but the success of "The Chocolate Soldier" ought to have been immediately followed up with another libretto founded on the same original source.

The dullness of musical criticism is given as the reason why so very little interest is taken in many deserving musical performances nowadays, and thus frightens away many a possible experiment, which would perhaps lead to a better state of musical enthusiasm. This is the comment written across a newspaper cutting sent to me by a correspondent. The critical appreciation enclosed and referred to certainly has a very serious academic ring about it, and I know that there are many who would more thoroughly read through and appreciate the various opinions of our musical quidnuncs if they bore a little lighter touch. Many years ago one "Corno Di Bassetto," otherwise George Bernard Shaw, took this view in the musical columns of the "Star," and I am certain that the art lost nothing by the lighter treatment of the subject, some of his essays in musical criticism being handed down in a volume called "Irish Humour." A great deal of space is given in our modern Press to "Music." At least four times that devoted to drama. To think that nearly every performance of "Parsifal" or "Covent Garden" has its individual criticism of extra length in the event of any change of cast, shows the importance of music as an art in the editorial mind. Besides, an editor cannot easily "cut" a musical criticism. Here he really meets his scissors-and-paste-waterloo at once. For when he writes that "the chromatic exigencies of the diatonic scale were dealt with in a distinct yet generous contrapuntal manner which was not evident in the concert-goers' reading of Kreutzer's 'Moonlight Sonata'—this is purposely inaccurate—for a half a column, then he knows that he has the editorial office at his feet, and if he can throw in a reference to "a false relation before the penultimate bar with its unresolved consequences," then victory is his. Seriously, there is a lot to be said about this view of musical criticism, and I had the pleasure for four years once, under the editorship of Mr. T. P. O'Connor, of trying to give it tangible effect. I do not think that my "humour" was appreciated by the musical dullards of London's academic life, but I am certain that the whole view of concerts and works produced was grasped much quicker than in a mere dreary discussion of musical terms and possibly uninteresting comparisons.

To those who think that English opera is on the wane, may I draw attention to the increasing popularity in the provinces of "The 'Satanella'" and "The Puritan's Daughter"?

"THE CHEERFUL KNAVE."

An Adventure, in Three Acts, by Keble Howard. Produced for the first time near London at the Grand Theatre, Croydon, on Monday, March 16. Ella Miss Nora Kessler
The Knave Mr. Campbell Gullian
Mrs. Hamp Miss Alison Gillies
Lady Bacchus Miss Eugenie Verne
Lord Bacchus Mr. Geoffrey Glibbey
Walter Mr. William Stack
Miss Pinto Miss Dolly Brough
Joyce Miss Pearl Keats
Mr. Runnigpole Mr. J. Patric Curwen
Constable Coghill Mr. John Napper
The repertory enterprise which Mr. Keble Howard has established in Croydon appears to be receiving only limited support, and a rather thin house was assembled on Friday when we were invited to witness Mr. Howard's own play "The Cheerful Knave," which was originally produced at Margate in the May of 1908. It is a thousand pities that the people of Croydon do not take more readily to the repertory scheme, for the theatre is run on high-class principles, and the presentation of the plays approaches as near as may be to that adopted at the West-end of London.

Concerning "The Cheerful Knave," it may be said at once that it is of a light and airy texture something akin to farce, but containing novel incidents and bright lines. The most entertaining scene is the trial of a burglar by a magistrate in his own house, an episode which is very cleverly written. The play might as well be called "The Knaveish Lovers," for it is on the duplicitous practised by a pair of sweethearts that it entirely rests. The chief conspirator is a young American lady named simply Joyce, with whom the equally youthful Lord Adolphus Bacchus has fallen in love while on a visit to Henley. His lordship's mother, though deeply devoted to her son, would not countenance his union with any but a member of the aristocracy.

The lovers thereupon resort to strategy, and Joyce obtains a situation as amanuensis to Adolphus, who, at the request of his mother, is taking up the writing of a history of the ancestral hall. It is here that the Cheerful Knave steps in, for that gentleman is captured by Adolphus in an attempt to burgle the house after the family have retired to rest. The Knave gives evidence of his light-heartedness, and is entertained to sandwiches and whisky by Lord Bacchus before being tied up and deposited on the couch for the night.

Opportunity is taken by the lovers for a "spoon," with the burglar as chaperon; but while the sweethearts are absorbed in their love-making the burglar escapes, and Lady Bacchus is scandalised to find her son and his amanuensis enjoying a tête-à-tête so late at night. The latter is instantly dismissed, and Lady Bacchus is hoping that no more will be heard of the affair, when the alarming news comes that the burglar has been captured and is accused of robbing a church. Fearful that the Knave will make revelations that will cause a scandal, Lord Bacchus, in his capacity of magistrate, agrees to try the case at once, and after an amusing trial succeeds in acquitting the prisoner despite the opposition of a newspaper reporter who constitutes himself public prosecutor. The play ends on a note of sentiment, Lady Bacchus assenting to an appeal by her son to accept his fiancée as her daughter-in-law.

The capable artists which Mr. Howard has gathered together combined artistically in the performance. Mr. Campbell Gullian, as the burglar, gaining his effects by quiet methods that were none the less diverting. Mr. Geoffrey Glibbey was thoroughly typical of the young lordling fresh from the University, and gave convincing evidence of his ability as a light comedian. Miss Pearl Keats brought out both the comedy and sentiment of the part of Joyce, who, though hailing from America, differed in no respect from the bright and ingenuous English girl. Miss Eugenie Verne as Lady Bacchus cleverly realised the aristocratic matron, and another skilful piece of acting was that of Mr. J. Patric Curwen, whose sketch of the meddlesome newspaper man was very amusing. As a village constable Mr. John Napper was responsible for a good deal of laughter, and Miss Dolly Brough as a studious young lady. Miss Alison Gillies as a housekeeper, Miss Nora Kessler as a maid-servant, and Mr. William Stack as a butler contributed excellent studies of character.

H. G. S. LITERARY THEATRE.

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Literary Theatre is above the ordinary amateur society, both in its ambitions and its execution. It tackles intellectual work and gets through it surprisingly well. It induces notable people to speak forewards, and it gives first London productions of new plays, like Miss Gertrude Robins's one-act satire, "LOVING AS WE DO."

Peter Durham Mr. Harold Sutton
Eve Werrington Miss Daisy Irvine
Manservant Mr. H. Halliday Gudgeon
The "face of sentiment," as the ad hocers call it, was produced at the Gaiety Theatre, Manchester, on Feb. 2 last, and fairly criticised by us on that occasion. It expresses the sham heroics of the lower of a married lady who backs out as soon as she finds she is taking a "high-falutin'" view of what he means to be a secret intrigue, and is going to make a clean breast of it to her husband. The little piece was applauded. Cleverly conceived and brightly written, it has an ingenious idea nearly carried out. It was appreciatively played by Mr. Harold Sutton, who showed sharp intelligence as the lover, and Miss Daisy Irvine, who was expressive and expert as the wife.

"Loving As We Do" had a justly cordial reception, and the authoress was called for and deservedly applauded. It served as a prelude to Mr. Charles McEvoy's very modern play, "David Ballard," of which a satisfactory reading was given by the cast. Almost the only defects of the performers were those inseparable from amateur acting, faults of technique, inexperience, imperfect training. The conception of each part was clear and distinct, and the success attained was in accordance with the importance of the character. Mr. W. F. Williams's David Ballard had plenty of characterisation. Mr. Malcolm Kneel's Percy Ballard was effective, and there was carefully considered character about the Darwin Snodgrass of Mr. Florian Williams, who was particularly good in the second act. Mr. H. W. O'Keefe was touchingly gentle and pathetic as Simon Ballard, Miss Winifred Reynolds was a pleasing Mercy Hainton, and Miss Ida F. Ellwood was an energetic and effective Gladys. Miss Catherine L. Fitzgerald being really humorous as the old lady. The other parts were played conscientiously and efficiently by those to whom they were allotted. The play was produced by Mr. W. F. Williams very creditably, and the "foreword" was very pithy and pleasant, Mr. Frederick Whelan being in his best vein.

During the performance of "The Joy Ride Lady" on Friday evening at the New Theatre, an announcement was made from the stage to the effect that, owing to Miss Sybil Arundale's understudy having that moment left the theatre in her stage clothes, the part would be continued by Miss Gertrude Laarhoven, one of the ladies of the chorus. Miss Laarhoven immediately went on in her chorus clothes, and, though she had not studied the rôle, came through the ordeal with flying colours. The next day Mr. "Swag" promoted Miss Laarhoven, who as a pretty young Dutch blonde, from the position of chorus girl to that of permanent principal.

"LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON."

Play, in Four Acts, by "Roy Devereux," produced at the Liverpool Repertory Theatre, Thursday, March 19.
Penny Langbridge Miss Edith Barwell
Gilda Causton Miss Olive Wilmot-Davies
Sir Eustace Kennedy Mr. Lawrence Hanray
Dr. Henry Causton Mr. George Dewhurst
Hon. Robert Langbridge Mr. J. H. Roberts
Comte de Roncelle Mr. Frank Snell
Servant Mr. A. J. Scott Anderson
Cyril Burgess Mr. Lawrence Anderson
Furber Miss Gertrude Storrell
Footman Miss Gwyneth Sardon
Purman Mr. Charles Lorraine
Mr. Dowden Mr. J. A. Dodd
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

This play, which is from the pen of a lady who hides her identity under "Roy Devereux," had a flattering reception from a crowded audience, who showed deep interest in it. The authoress makes the subject of eugenics a leading feature, but at the close of the performance it was clear that there is very little of that science in it. The dialogue is crisp and smartly written, some of the lines being particularly good, but opinions differ regarding the subject-matter, which is thought to approach too near indelicacy. In fact, the conversation in the second act, between a betrayed girl and an aged professor, is somewhat unpalatable, and not such as a playgoer would rush to hear a second time. Then, again, the idea of an old man undertaking to marry a girl who is enceinte, in order to legitimise her "eugenic" baby, is hardly a natural or everyday occurrence. Despite its several drawbacks, however, there is matter of much interest in the work.

The story opens in a garden at San Remo, where we find Sir Eustace Kennedy and several friends discussing eugenics, in which he is a firm believer. Here also we are made aware that Miss Gilda Causton, daughter of his friend, Dr. Causton, has been deceived by Cyril Burgess, a married black-guard and forger, son of a disreputable father, who has to flee the country.

In the second act the girl visits Sir Eustace for the purpose of confiding the fact that, though unmarried, "she" will have a child in about six months. "Naturally" the old man, who apparently is fond of her, is astonished, and having been refused the name of her betrayer, assumes that it is an aviator who was killed a few weeks before. The girl allows him to fall into the error. The state of Gilda then appears to afford the professor some satisfaction, because the aviator, being a fine, healthy, handsome man, and the woman a beautiful and well-made figure, the product, he argues, will fulfil all his cherished ideas of the eugenic offspring. Then, for the purpose of watching the upbringing and development of the ideal child, as well as to save the girl from disgrace, he offers her marriage, and is accepted.

The couple live happily together for about three years, the professor being very much attached to the child, when a letter which comes into the husband's possession reveals the astounding fact that the father of the eugenic baby is not the perfect-made aviator, but Cyril Burgess, the old man's disreputable nephew! There is, naturally, a scene between the couple, but Gilda claims that the professor fell into the error himself as to the father of the child, while she had not the courage to undeceive him. As the love between the two has, however, ripened, there is a reconciliation, but one feels sorry for the professor, whose eugenic ideas have had ridicule poured upon them. At the close the authoress bowed her acknowledgments of the plaudits which came from all parts of the house.

Probably but for the excellent acting "Like Father, Like Son" would have lost much of its interest. Mr. Lawrence Hanray, as the philosophical professor, added another to the long list of successful character studies which he has presented during his connection with the Repertory

company. He thoroughly grasped the possibilities of a part which demanded some versatility. The transition from the position of the girl's friend to that of her lover was smooth and entirely convincing, while in the last act, where he is awakened to a sense of the trick which had been played upon him, his burst of passion held the audience spellbound. All thanks are due to Miss Davies for her admirable picture of the betrayed girl. It was an important and trying rôle which required careful handling, and Miss Davies certainly achieved a triumph. Mr. Lawrence Anderson, as the scandalous Burgess, acted with fine dramatic strength, and gave every satisfaction; Miss Gertrude Storrell, as his mother, was sweet and sympathetic; Miss Edith Barwell provided some appreciated comedy with her American lady; and Mr. J. H. Roberts, in the rôle of the Socialist-painter Langbridge, made the most of his opportunities. The other characters were of a minor type, but all neatly presented.

THE "PAY-FOR-PLAY" LEAGUE.

With the object of stimulating interest in the recently established "Pay-for-Play" League, a meeting was held at the Milton Hall, Deansgate, Manchester, on Friday afternoon, under the joint auspices of the League and the Actors' Association. Mr. Clarence Derwent presided.

The chairman said that between the increasing competition of the luxurious music hall on one hand, and the picture halls on the other, the lot of the theatrical manager was a very hard one, with the consequence that the actor's economic status, which had been dwindling for years, was in danger of becoming extinct. He meant by that that the profession, in its lower strata, at any rate, showed signs of falling below the level of mere subsistence. What the new association was out to win was some sort of remuneration for matinees, rehearsals, and twice-nightly work. How were the objects to be attained? Well, the industrial method was quite inapplicable to the profession, and they would have to go to work by organising, and by securing the intervention of Parliament. The time was ripe for such a move, because attention had been called to the subject by the collapse of the Earl's Court show and the inquiry which was held. The Home Office was now considering the question of theatrical employment, and next week Baron de Forest would raise a question on their behalf in the House of Commons. The present position of the actor was largely due to the pernicious influence of amateurism, money, and incompetency.

Mr. Arthur Rose moved a resolution pledging those present to join the League, and to further its objects. He pointed out that not long ago the actor gave only six performances a week, then the number became seven, and some seven years ago, with the advent of the twice-nightly houses, they were called upon to play 13 times as a week's work. For the present Sunday performances had been checked, but such a movement was now within the realm of practical politics, and in the future actors might have to give 16 performances a week for the same pay if they did not organise. The speaker also contrasted the strong position of the variety artiste with that of the actor, and said that everybody in the theatre was organised except the actor.

Miss Irene Moncrieff seconded, and after discussion the resolution was carried. It was also decided to send a telegram to Parliament calling for the amelioration of the conditions of theatrical employment.

Pupils of Mr. George Woodhouse will appear at a pianoforte recital to be given at Bechstein Hall on Monday afternoon next.

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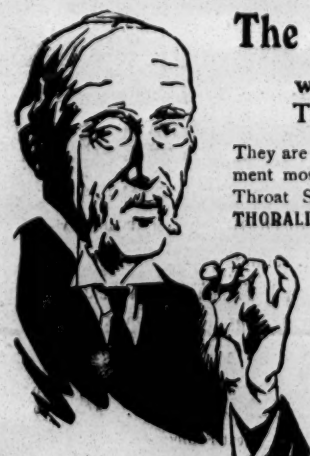
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ALLAN'S ORCHARD.—March 30, Hippo, Can-
nock.

A MIDNIGHT MYSTERY.—March 23, Alhambra
T., Stourbridge.

A MILL GIRL'S WEDDING.—March 23, H.M.T.,
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w; 30, T.R., North Shields.

BABES IN THE WOOD (PANTOMIME).—
March 23, Alex. T., Pontefract.

BELLA DONNA (LIMPUS).—March 23, Grand
T., Wetherhampton; 30, T.R., Huddersfield.

BENSON.—March 23, King's T., Gains-
borough; 30, New King's T., Worksop.

BONNIE PIT LAD, THE.—March 23, Alex. T.,
Sheffield.

BOUGHT AND PAID FOR.—March 23, Grand
T., Accrington; 30, Opera H., Harrogate.

BRASS BOTTLE, THE.—March 23, Grand T.,
Southampton; 30, T.R., Portsmouth.

BREWSTER'S MILLIONS.—March 23, Grand T.,
West Hartlepool; 30, T.R., South Shields.

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chester.

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Grand T., Penrith.

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Palace T., Crawcrook.

CLAUDIAN.—March 23, Royalty T., Chester; 30,
Grand T., Nottingham.

COLLIER'S LASS (N.).—March 23, T.R., Oldham;
30, Palace T., Newcastle.

COASTGUARD'S DAUGHTER, THE.—March 23,
Opera House, St. Helens.

COMPTON, MR. EDWARD.—March 23, New T.,
Cardiff; 30, T.R., Nottingham.

DANCING MISTRESS.—March 23, Grand T.,
Swansea; 30, Grand T., Southampton.

DAKE-DEVIL DOBOTHY.—March 23, Hippo,
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ceum T., Ipswich; 30, T.R., Norwich.

EVER OPEN DOOR, THE.—March 23, Shake-
speare T., Liverpool; 30, Lyceum T., Sheffield.

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GEOFFREY LANGDON'S WIFE (?).—March 23,
Col. T., Tredgar.

GIPSY LOVE (EDWARDES).—March 23, Palace
T., Burnley.

GIPSY LOVE (EDWARDES) (W.).—March 23,
Empire Palace, Barnsley.

GIRL FROM UTAH (EDWARDES).—March 23,
T.R., Newcastle.

GIRL IN THE TAXI (BLUE).—March 23, King's
T., Sunderland; 30, Opera H., Middlesbrough.

GIRL IN THE TAXI (RED).—March 23, Palace
T., Watford; 30, Grand T., Luton.

GIRL IN THE TAXI (WHITE).—March 23,
King's T., Sunderland.

GIRL IN THE TRAIN, THE (RALLAND).—
March 23, T.R., Bury; 30, New T., Man-
chester.

GIRL ON THE FILM.—March 23, Lyceum T.,
Newport; 30, Grand T., Swansea.

GIRL WHO DIDN'T, THE.—March 23, Lyceum
T., Edinburgh; 30, New T., Cardiff.

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T., Audley.

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ston.

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T., Leeds; 30, Winter Gardens, New Brighton.

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Leeds.

GREAT WHITE CHIEF.—March 23, Metropole
T., Gateshead.

HARRINGTON, MR. CHARLES.—March 23,
King's T., Manchester; 30, Opera H., Blackpool.

HAVARD SEXTETTE.—March 23, T.R., Blyth.

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Royalty T., Barrow.

HEART BOWED DOWN.—March 23, Prince's T.,
Bradford.

HER FATAL MARRIAGE.—March 23, T.R.,
West Bromwich; 30, T.R., Leeds.

HERITAGE OF HATE.—March 23, Hippo, Ash-
ton-under-Lyne; 30, T.R., Rotherham.

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mingham; 30, T.R., Bolton.

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Carlisle; 30, Queen's T., Leeds.

MISS LANCASHIRE.—March 23, Palace T.,
Preston; 30, Junct. T., Manchester.

MOODY WARRS.—March 23, T.R., March 23,
T.R., Chorley; 30, Grand T., Oldham.

MORMON AND HIS WIVES.—March 23, T.R.,
Darlington; 30, Prince's T., Bradford.

MORMON AND THE MAID.—March 23, Shake-
speare T., Clapham.

MOTHERLESS.—March 23, Metropole T., Glas-
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CAMERON.—See first answer to Henry A. Ash-
ton.

OPERA.—The full casts were not given in our
columns.

K. Z. O.—We can find no such title as you men-
tion.

H. B.—Yes, the address would most likely find
him.

"BOATS," by Lord Newry, was produced at the
old Globe Theatre on Dec. 3, 1870.

TOM ASSEY.—Mr. Peter Bijou's last partner,
Belia, was his sister-in-law. His wife predeceased
him.

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Inn-road, or the Magic Circle, care of St. George's
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have heard of before; the third is unfamiliar. We
know of no register such as you mention.

PAINE SEDDON.—Edward Terry, born March 10,
1844, died April 2, 1912. Auguste Van Biene, born
May 16, 1861, died Jan. 23, 1913.

LITA SWART.—We can find a reference to Miss
Grimani (Mrs. Charles Mayne Young), but nothing
concerning her sister about whom you inquire.
The other dates are too remote.

A WELL-WISHER.—Your opinion of your abilities
is no guide to us. You say nothing about brains.
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action," the qualities generally possessed by a
good carriage horse.

NANNIE.—(1) Yes, they are related. (2) We be-
lieve so. (3) Mrs. Wilkie Bard is Miss Nellie
Stratton; Mr. Will Evans married a daughter of
Mr. J. J. Poole, of the South London; Mrs. George
Robey is Miss Ethel Haydon, formerly a Gaiety
lass; Miss Ella Shields is married to Mr. W. Har-
greaves. (4) We cannot say.

INTERESTED.—(1) Miss Ellen Terry was the
widow of Mr. Charles Kelly (Wardell) when she
married Mr. James Carew. (2) Mr. Maurice Bern-
hardt is the son of the great actress. (3) We can-
not say. (4) No version of the piece was printed,
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dressed Court Theatre, Sloane-square. She
produces plays. There is also the West End Pro-
ductions Co., who may be addressed London
Pavilion, Piccadilly-circus. You might also write
to Cosmopolis, High Holborn. (2) The Secretary
of the Actors' Orphanage, Mr. Anslow J. Austin,
is the organiser of the Theatrical Garden Party.
Of course, there is also a strong representative
committee of the profession associated with Mr.
Austin as helpers in the work. Mr. Cyril Maude is
most enthusiastic. We do not answer correspond-
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(Several answers crowded out.)

"DAPHNE DECIDES."

A comedy, in three acts, by Mrs. Violet
Hardy, was produced at the Nuneaton Con-
servative Club on Thursday, March 19. The
play, which is as funny as most society
comedies, deals with the love idyll of Daphne,
a rich heiress, with Lancelot Devereux. The engage-
ment is jeopardised by the fact that Lancelot is
mad on flying, and Daphne will not have a hus-
band "in the air." The Duke of Everbridge, a
distant cousin of the aviator, threatens to cut him
off with a shilling if he will not give up aero-
planing, and in the end Lancelot yields. Mrs.
Hardy (the authoress) undertook the part of Mary
Carleton with considerable success, and Daphne
was extremely effective in the hands of Miss
Gilliat. At the close of the play Mrs. Hardy
acknowledged loud calls for "Author."

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GRAND THEATRE, CHORLEY,
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As briefly announced in our last issue, the Grand
Theatre, Chorley, was totally destroyed in the
early hours of the 17th inst. The previous evening
Messrs. Borges and Barrett's piano company
opened with "Little Jack Horner," and there
were signs of an excellent week. It appears that
the building (which was a wooden structure) was
examined by the manager, Mr. Frank Sante, and
left all safe at about 11.30 p.m. on Monday, the
outbreak of fire being first discovered at about
1.30 a.m. the following morning. Owing to the
construction of the building the fire brigade had
absolutely no chance of extinguishing the flames,
and within thirty minutes of their arrival the
"whole of the roof and balcony fell in, and by
3 a.m. the building had been reduced to ashes.
The cause of the outbreak is quite unknown.

The building was originally erected as a circus
for Messrs. Myers and Watson, and was bought
in 1894 by Mr. G. Teste Sante, who opened with
variety entertainments. Since then the place had
been completely remodelled and extended, its hold-
ing capacity being over 2,000, the stage being one
of the largest in the county. The building was
partially insured only, and will entail by its de-
struction a serious loss upon the highly respected
proprietor, who is at the present time lying
seriously ill at Plymouth.

The whole of the scenery, dresses, properties
and personal effects of the pantomime company
were absolutely destroyed, not a single article
being saved. The unfortunate artists were in a
pitiable condition, and to assist them Mr. Sante
kindly gave the gross receipts of both houses at
his Pavilion music hall, which amounted to £5.

At the New Theatre Royal, Chorley, under the
management of Mr. C. Hamilton Baines, a matinee
was given on Saturday afternoon, when £2 10s.
was raised. Several influential inhabitants of the
town also organised a concert at the Town Hall
for Saturday evening. The management com-
mittee of the benefit fund also issued collecting
boxes to the ladies of the stranded company, and
these were well supported, the result of the
concert and of the collections reaching the hand-
some sum of £90. The amount raised was paid
over to the various members of the company per-
sonally in proportionate shares (according to their
standing) by the management committee on Sun-
day morning, and the company left the town to
fulfill their engagement at Ramsbottom in the
afternoon.

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Marylebone
County Court, Sir Wm. Selfe heard an action to
recover ten guineas, being fees for two quarters'
instruction in "dancing and the dramatic art"
for the eleven-year-old daughter of Mrs. Kathleen
Hilditch, a teacher of elocution, of Pentam-
road, Clapham. The plaintiff was Miss Lila Field,
of Bryanston-mansions, Bryanston-square, who
conducts a dramatic and dancing academy at
Heddon-street, Regent-street. His Honour, in
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The Orpheus Club gave six excellent performances
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hands. Miss Marjory Dunlop sang her numbers
brilliantly and acted with much charm as Princess
Ida. Mr. W. E. Ronald gave all the necessary
emphasis to the sneering monarch, King Gama,
and the burly King Hildebrand was well acted by
Mr. A. M. Darge. Messrs. John Jamieson, Nicol
A. Paton and W. C. Watkin played with great
spirit as Hilarion, Cyril, and Florian. Mrs. Jim
Gordon acted Lady Blanche with telling effect,
and Miss Crue Davidson's rich voice was heard
to advantage in the part of Melissa. Mr. L. H.
Harman (late of D'Oyly Carte company) was
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The exclamation title of the above piece was
much in evidence on Monday night over the
ludicrously comic situations in Marcel Durel's
homecoming adventure, and the large audience
present enjoyed itself immensely. Mr. Frederic
Bentley sparkles with humour as the bridegroom,
Marcel; Miss Ida Stratham an engaging, hand-
some, and coquettish Sidonie; Miss Billie Evelyn
is pretty and pleasing as the bride, Suzette; Miss
Vida Varrell as the fussy and fussing Mme.
Dupont plays in genuine comedy vein; and Miss
Betty Lindley depicts the masquerading maid,
Claudine, quite cleverly. Mr. Stafford Dickens
is a buoyant and breezy Henry; a richly humorous
sketch of the amorously corpulent Dupont
comes from Mr. John Richter; Mr. J. Poole
Kirkwood exhibits much resource in his dual im-
personation of Sorbier and Jacques Laverdet; Mr.
Alce Bolton is excellent as the imperious
Joseph; and Mr. Arthur Grant plays Batistot on
sound lines. Miss Maud Kynnerley is well placed
as Mme. Pigache; and Marguerite, the bride-
maid, is played by Miss Ivy Rose. "Reparation,"
a drama, in one act, by Beatrice Heron Maxwell,
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pany is a first-class one, and the whole series
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for all they are worth. Mr. T. G. Vane proved
himself an excellent comedian as Gaston Bocard,
and Mr. T. A. Braidon is smart and clever as
Maurice Polignac. Miss Lilian Christine makes
a charming and interesting Suzanne Polignac,
while Miss Nannie Bennett is admirable as the
cynical Lucienne Bocard, who outwits her hus-
band. Miss Fay Temple as the petite and
alluring Kiki is all that can be conceived. Mr.
P. Kites plays the part of Galipaux with great
success, while Chausette is admirably imperson-
ated by Mr. Ian O. Will. Mr. Leslie Kyle gets
all that is possible out of the part of Ferdinand
Floquet, and Mr. C. Powell Eastbury is well
placed as the Comte de la Beauve. The other
parts are adequately filled by Mr. Harry Farmer,
Mr. Leo Cohnreich, and Miss Mona Meyer.
The piece is preceded by a variety entertain-
ment by Mr. R. B. Salisbury's Entertainers.

Mr. Geoffrey Guise wishes it to be known that
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"The Pearl Girl" was produced here by Mr.
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cock appears as the Duke of Trent, and acts and
sings in his best and most refined manner. As
Robert Jeffrey Mr. Reginald Shariand acts, sings,
and dances with plenty of "vim"; Mr. Robert
Bottomley adds to the comedy element as Mr.
Jecks; and Messrs. Jo Monkhouse, Cecil Moyan,
and W. H. Desmond are amusing personages of
the three Palmyra Pearl Shop Directors, Mr. Mug-
geridge, Mr. Banbury, and Mr. Pouter. Mr. Ray-
mond Gascoyne is particularly good as Mr. Hop-
kins, and he brings down the house with his re-
centric dance. Much of the success of the piece
is achieved by Mr. George Hestor, whose admi-
rable performance of Bylce, messenger and odd
man at the shop, is of immense value to the
piece. Messrs. Guy Buckland and Cedric Miller
add materially to the general success as Lord
George Matlock and Mr. Pringle; and Mr. Walter
Ashley displays considerable ability as James
Ogilvie. Mr. James Jolly very capably under-
takes the part of Higgins, a Derbyshire rustic.
Agatha, Duchess of Trent, is played in a dignified
manner by Miss Edith Jefferies; Miss Royle Be-
gan furnishes a capital embodiment of Lady Betty
Biddulph, being both charming and vivacious;
Miss Modesta Daly as the handsome Madame
Alvarez, of Argentina, is admirable in every detail;
and Miss Esme Gordon-Heller is bright and en-
gaging as Miss Mabel Cheyne Walker. Miss
Gwen Clifford is good as Mrs. Baxter Brown, her
quaint impersonation meeting with much ap-
preciation. Miss Roma June is entirely successful
as Miranda Peopole. There is an excellent chorus,
and Mr. James Lowe conducts with his usual
ability.

THE CORONET.
On Monday, March 23,
"OFFICER 666."

The New Theatre company, under the auspices
of Miss Emma and Mr. Percy Hutchinson, are at
the Coronet Theatre this week, by arrangement
with Mr. Charles Frohman, in Austin Macgill's
farce, "Officer 666." Mr. Percy Hutchinson him-
self plays the part of the young millionaire globe-
trotter, Travers Gaddin, whose domestic serenity
is so rudely disturbed by the gentlemanly crim-
cracker and picture expert, Alf Wilson, and he
rattles through the part in easy, natural fashion,
identifying himself with the character in most
arresting manner. Mr. Heaton Grey enacts the
role of the light-fingered gentleman, Mr. Alfred
Wilson, with great dexterity, and his cool effron-
tery is delightful. Miss Claire Milvain as Sadie
Small is dainty and vivacious. Miss Laura Han-
sen as Mrs. Burton is well in the picture. Miss
Florence Hill as Aileen Burton looks very sweet
and acts in most spirited fashion. Mr. Wilton
Leonard enacts the small part of Watkins excel-
lently. Mr. F. G. Thurston as Officer Phean 666
is a typical hibernian humorist. Mr. Tom Armitage
as Batiato, the Japanese servant, is good.
Miss Wynne Barnes Mr. Stanley Kilby is non-
chalant and amusing. Mr. Aubrey Mather as De-
tective Kearney is convincing. The piece de re-
sistance is preceded by the stirring drama, in one
act, entitled "The Drums of Oude," in which Mr.
Aubrey Mather acts remarkably well as the cool,
resourceful Captain Hector Macgregor. Mr.
Wilton Leonard is distinctly good as the impetu-
ous and youthful Lieutenant Alan Hartley; and
Miss Florence Hill is charming and convincing
as Mrs. Jack Clayton.

DALSTON THEATRE.
On Monday, March 23, the Farceal Comedy,
entitled
"CHARLEY'S AUNT."

Mr. Brandon Thomas's company this week pre-
sent at Dalston that author's popular farceal
comedy, "Charley's Aunt," which is meeting with
a most cordial reception. Mr. R. J. Crawford pre-
sents a cheery sketch of the ever-young, elderly
gentleman as Colonel Sir Francis Chesney, Bart.,
and Mr. Kenneth Bruce is a lively son of an active
father as Jack Chesney. One of the latter's
fellow-undergraduates, Charles Wykeham, is re-
presented by Mr. F. C. Cooper. Lord Fancourt
Babberly, the other college chum, is played in
spirited style by Mr. Percy Crawford, who,
although good enough as the young student, is
simply excellent when masquerading as Charlie
Wykeham's wealthy, elderly aunt. As the real
aunt, Lonna Lucia d'Alvadorez, Miss Moira Cree-
gan acts with dignified ease, and the part of
Miss Delahay, her companion, is nicely played by
Miss Pauline Hume. Miss Dorothy Jennings as
Kitty Verdon, and Miss Winifred Willis as Amy
Spettigue successfully portray two very inter-
esting young ladies. Mr. James Sage has quite the
correct notion of the part of Stephen Spettigue,
the bumptious solicitor, and Mr. Sydney Compton
is humorously precise as Brassett, a college acout.
The farce is preceded by "The Colour Sergeant,"
in which Mr. Sydney Compton plays William
Honour, a barber (formerly a colour sergeant);
Mr. F. G. Cooper appears as Henry Havelock,
his son; Mr. James E. Page gives a clever sketch
of a bargee as Bob Atkins; and other characters
are enacted by Mr. Walter Bannister, Miss Pauline
Hume, and Miss Nancy Harding.

CRYSTAL PALACE THEATRE.
On Monday, March 23, the Drama, entitled
"A WHITE MAN."

Mr. Herbert Sleath's company of English and
American artists have given an excellent repre-
sentation of this powerful play here. Much praise
is due to Mr. Austin Milroy for fine acting and
elocution, and whether as the smart Army captain
or the dashing rancher he was equally good. Mr.
Fred Byron's representation of Big Bill, the fore-
man, was quietly impressive, and his gang of
cowboys was a typical one. Mr. A. J. E. Sharnan
was a spirited Shorty; whilst Andy and Groochy
each had a characteristic rendering at the hands
of Messrs. George Parle and Percy Settle. Mr.
George Crookshanks made Cash Hawkins a sin-
ister villain. Mr. Cecil de Lee looked and acted
Tay-y-wan, the Indian chief, to the life; and
Mr. Jack Fisher was a very real half-breed in-
terpreter. As Countess of Kerhill Miss Dorothy Chif-
ford was excellent. As Net-rich, the Indian
wife of the hero, Miss Maud Alaisie made a com-
plete success; and Miss Amy Rudd as the Dow-
ager Lady Kerhill did admirably. Mr. C. V.
Proctor was a hard and uncompromising county
sheriff; and Mr. H. E. Merau was a humorous
Nick, the barkeeper. The part of Little Hal was
cleverly and naturally acted by Miss Kitty Rogers,
and Miss Dorothy Lawrence was a charming Lady
hazel Wynnegate. Mr. Leonard Yorks as the
Barl of Kerhill gave a powerful study, and Mr.
Harold P. Bradlaw as Sir John Applegate was
clever and amusing. The Dean of Trantham was
appropriately embodied by Mr. Eldon West.

BROADWAY, NEW CROSS.
On Monday, March 23, the Musical Play, entitled
"ALICE IN WONDERLAND."

The delightful dream play, "Alice in Won-
derland," is occupying the Broadway boards this
week, and crowded audiences testify to the excel-
lence of its rendering by Mr. H. Bernhardt's com-
pany. Little Miss Cora Giffin is an ideal Alice in
appearance, and enacts her long and arduous role

with much naturalness and grace. Mr. C. Hayden
Coffin plays the Mad Hatter on quiet but effec-
tive lines. Mr. James Harcourt is very funny
both as the Mock Turtle and Tweedledoo; while
the Gryphon and Tweedledum are humorously
played by Mr. Olive Currie. Miss Maud Heaton
shows good elocution as the Queen of Hearts
and the White Queen; while Mr. Philip Ingis is
good as the Red King, besides dancing very
neatly. Miss Maud Rolanda as the Lily obtains
a double encore for her able rendering of a song
in the second act; and a hornpipe is effectively
danced by Miss Connie Browning. Miss Beattie
Armstrong, Miss Suzanne Hudson, Miss Madge
Parke, Mr. Charles Hennessy, and Mr. Wilfrid
Stephens also deserve special mention. The
mounting and scenery are very effective.

BRIXTON THEATRE.
On Monday, March 23, the Play, entitled
"HIS HOUSE IN ORDER."

Mr. James E. Pearce's New 1 Company, in "His
House in Order," including Mr. Frank Fenton
and Miss Gwendolyn Carlisle, opened to a capital
house on Monday evening. Mr. Frank Fenton
as Hilary Jesson was a force in himself, and filled
every moment of his several appearances with
interest. Miss Gwendolyn Carlisle as Nina, the
second wife of Hilary Jesson, M.P., suggested in
a highly artistic sense the unsettled and restless
life she was leading, and her powerful acting
drew from the audience many tributes of ap-
preciation. Mr. Frank McKee in his representation
of Pryce Ridgely invested the part with many
an original touch. Very natural, quiet, and easy
was Mr. Frederick Garton as Major Maureward;
and as the fussy, jubilant Mayor Mr. H. J. Wal-
ton scored unique distinction. The part of Sir
Daniel Ridgely was safe in the hands of Mr. F.
Fortune Raleigh, who played the gift arch-hypoc-
rite with every mark of success. Miss Sara Wood
gave a dignified performance as Lady Ridgely;
whilst Miss Katherine Harrowby as Geraldine
Ridgely made that unattractive person a woman
of quality in the artistic sense, for the actress
played with skill and merit. Nor can a less com-
pliment be paid to Miss Marjorie Fielding in
respect of her delineation of the French governess,
Mlle. Thome, which was a valuable contribution
to the success of the evening. Little Miss Marie
Wilton, in her rendering of the character of
Derek Jesson was admirable, and she made of the
boy a manly little fellow, something more than a
passing figure.

**ROYAL ARTILLERY THEATRE,
WOOLWICH.**
On Monday, March 23, the Play, entitled
"DIPLOMACY."

Messrs. Lionel Rignold and Charles Macdonald's
company is paying their initial visit to Woolwich
this week in "Diplomacy." Mr. Chas. Macdonald
himself as the shrewd diplomat, Henry Beauliere,
gives a powerful representation. Mr. C. B.
Vaughan has a part in Count Orloff that suits
him to a nicety; and Mr. Clayton Greene is dis-
tinctly well placed as Julian Beauliere. The
scattered Algerian Fairfax has an excellent
interpreter in Mr. Scott Melville. Miss Jane
Saville's rendition of the persecuted girl, Dora, is
a clever and finished one. The Countess Ziska is
most capably played by Miss Mabel Trevor. Miss
Mabel Rees is excellent as Lady Henry Fairfax;
as also is Miss Jeanne Di Ramo as the Marquis
de Rio Zarea. The remaining characters are all
well played.

THEATRE ROYAL WOOLWICH.
On Monday, March 23, the Panto, Revue,
entitled
"LITTLE BOY BLUE."

Messrs. Codman and Bentley's panto is the at-
traction here, and, well written and produced, is
a decided success. In the little role, Miss Katie
Jones is well placed, singing and acting excel-
lently. Goody Two Shoes has a charming rep-
resentation in Miss Mayne Savoy; Miss Rose is ad-
mirable as Prince Honedew, as also is Miss
Dorothy Morton as Princess Prettypet. Miss
Trixie Sadler and Dolly Conquest do well as Jack
Horne and Margery Daw respectively. Miss
Sybil Chester shows much ability as the Fairy
Crystal; and her attendant, Dewdrop, is capably
enacted by Miss Gwendolyn Griffith. The Demon
Discontent has an excellent exponent in Mr. R.
Morgan. The comedians are all first class. Mr.
Fred Rameade as Anne Chovey, Mr. Roe Allen
as Squire Hardacre being most diverting; and
Jimmy Bounce and Barnaby Panships are humor-
ously enacted by Messrs. Will Rayner and Dan
Lyons. Mr. Dan Lyons as King Piffin also con-
tributes considerably to the merriment. The
chorus is well trained, and the scenery, costumes,
and effects are all of the best.

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SHOULD ACTORS MARRY ACTRESSES?

MR. CYRIL MAUDE'S recent pronouncement in New York must have astonished many who read the account of it in the American papers. He was distributing the diplomas to the students of the Academy of the Dramatic Arts of America, and giving them some good advice. In the course of his speech, he said: "I know there are many happy marriages on the stage, but to you I feel bound to say—'Marry outside your calling.'"

This decision runs counter to all preconceived opinions, and is worth serious consideration. Why did Mr. MAUDE, while admitting the number of happy marriages on the stage, make a kind of exception in the case of the students of the Academy? And, if he did not intend to suggest that students could not follow a course which had been successfully followed by himself and by many of their professional fellow-students—for every actor, up to the day of his death, is a student—why did he dissuade the young people from marrying in the profession?

On the face of it, and judging by the facts at disposal, it seems that a marriage in the profession should offer the most favourable chance—it is impossible to say more of any marriage—of contentment, if not of actual happiness.

Falstaff, when he made his epistolary appeal to Mrs. Page, was careful to place great importance on Sympathy. He knew very well that if the minds are in harmony, the bodies will take care of themselves. Sympathy is, indeed, the secret of affection, and affection is the only thing that can make an intimate association like marriage tolerable. Now, of all callings, the stage has most expansiveness about it. We can imagine a man of business keeping his affairs secret from his wife, and her not wanting to know anything about them, as long as he supplied her with the income necessary for her pleasures. But such an arrangement is impossible in the case of an artist. There are dozens of things which an outsider does not understand in the arrangements of the stage. There is a freemasonry amidst its members which, in a manner, excludes him, however harmlessly, from the "gay children of wit and brain," as DISRAELI called them in one of his books. The very hours of occupation, the necessary habits, are a trial. If the husband or wife is of a jealous disposition, trifles light as air, which no actor or actress would consider worth a thought, are magnified into serious causes of offence. And it is hardly possible for anyone outside the profession to make due allowance for the peculiarities of the artistic temperament—its fits of elation and depression, its occasional irritability, and its essential impulsiveness.

Still, there is this to be said: the rule for the ordinary artist and the artist of genius is not the same. BALZAC in one of his novels has described the fate of a draper's daughter who fell in love with, and married, a young painter of genius, and laid down the law that the only happy help-mate for a genius is a woman of character, who succeeds in commanding him by her practical superiority and by her force of will-power. It is not to say that the genius need be hen-pecked, but that his wife must know how to manage him. When the non-professional personage of the couple is of that rare mixture of wisdom and self-sacrifice that constitutes the expert husband or wife, there is a chance for the marriage being a successful one. But the individual who undertakes the task of driving a genius in domestic harness must give his or her mind to it entirely, and not mind labour or anxiety. The work will not bear treating lightly, for it demands a vast amount of tact and firmness.

The great difficulty in connection with the marriage of an actor or actress, in or out of the profession, is that it frequently demands separation. To be the husband or wife of a histrion means that, unless success is very rapid, one of the pair may be travelling about the country on tour, while the other is staying in London. In the old stock companies this was not so much the case. They were all travellers. But on the existing touring system, it is not uncommon to find a married couple who have only met in a period of months, at some central station like Crewe, he in one company, she in a different one. Of course, it is possible to insist on a double engagement; but the couple who insist on it are at a disadvantage as regards getting employment.

This difficulty is not much affected by whether the people are married in the profession, or out of it, except that in the former case, by making sacrifices, it is possible to pass at least a portion of the year together; but as regards the art of acting it is quite another thing. When we turn to the genealogies of our actor-families we see how strong heredity is in creating actors and actresses. Both Mrs. BANCROFT and Sir JOHN HARE had for ancestor an actor, JOHN PLEYDELL WILTON, and the marriage of MR. CHARLES COLLETTE with one of the same family produced that charming little actress, Miss MARY COLLETTE. The BATEMAN family are descended from Mrs. SIDONS, by marriage; and the FARRENS, the TERRYs, the WEBSTERs—in short, all the great theatrical families—bear fruit on all their branches in excellent and notable artists. The importance of keeping the theatrical stock as pure as it can be kept is great, as influencing the next generation of performers. On the whole, one may feel confident that the sympathy alluded to by Falstaff will induce actors to marry actresses, and not to water down the breed by the introduction of "foreign" blood, or still worse, by the infusion of weak amateur parentage, taken from the dangles and the dilettanti who have done the stage so much harm already.

"AGGRESSIVE MIMICRY."

Our leader on the subject of "Mimicry Aggressive and Otherwise" was criticised in last Friday's "Sporting Life" by Mr. Isidor Garstin in his weekly article, "Heart of Vandeuville." Mr. Garstin confuses the issue, and entirely misses our point, when he introduces the names of Miss Cicie Loftus and Mr. Robert Hale. The lady is a Shakespearean actress, a fine linguist, and an accomplished musician, who in the course of a twenty-minute vivid turn at the Coliseum can give, and has given, impressions of such originals as Sarah Bernhardt, Yvette Guilbert, Margaret Cooper, Gus Elen, and Harry Lauder. Mr. Robert Hale is one of our finest stage caricaturists, and no one is likely to suffer through his mimicry, least of all George Graces. But this is because Mr. Hale, a clever comedian himself, is too sensitive to the rights of a brother original comedian to sponsor an imitation that would be a reasonable distance of damaging. Miss Loftus and Mr. Robert Hale are impressionists, not copyists. Mr. Garstin answers his own question—Does a mimic of the standing of Vernon Watson injure the interests of a creator like Alfred Lester or Fred Emney?—with an emphatic negative. Mr. Alfred Lester, whose opinion on the subject should be at least as authoritative as Mr. Garstin's, answered the same question in our office on Monday with a more emphatic affirmative. Such mimicry as Mr. Vernon Watson's Mr. Lester looks upon as most injurious to the original, because the "cream of an act" is boldly appropriated and therefore the imitator is assisting to make that act stale, a proceeding that discounts its value with proprietors. If what Mr. Vernon Watson did at the Empire in his copy act was legitimate, then we might have Alfred Lester impersonations, with Alfred Lester gags, and Alfred Lester make-up in every hall in the country.

The most extraordinary assertion of Mr. Garstin, however, comes last. To put it shortly, he says that the artist who objects to being imitated must be barren of ideas. It is just because an original artist is so full of ideas that he is a fair mark for the copyist, who takes care to appropriate the finished product of his brain. Mr. Garstin fails to note the difference between the wholesale copying of an act or sketch and a mere "impression" of an artist. The first is aggressive mimicry, the second a legitimate form of entertainment that has flourished, as our leader pointed out, since the days of Garrick.

OLDEST EXISTING REPERTORY CO.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ERA.
Sir,—There is a redundancy of talk nowadays about the "repertory theatre" and its doings all over the country—and its "un-doings," if I may be permitted to coin a word—but it always strikes me as very strange that my own name is never mentioned in this connection. Why? I claim that I am the oldest touring manager "on the road," and that for 33 years I have had a repertory theatre on tour all over England, Scotland and Ireland. During this long period I have produced nearly all the comedies of Shakespeare, practically all the old classic comedies, and I have, besides, given to the public some dozen or twenty entirely new plays by Henry James, Frankfort Moore, Edgar Pemberton, Robert Barr, Compton Mackenzie (my son, thank heaven!), "cum multis aliis," and yet I am ignored. Again I say, why?

I am, I hope, a modest man, and "on their own merits" modest men are dumb," but there comes at last a time for even the most modest of men to protest against the deliberate suppression of his name in connection with his life-long endeavour to give the public his best in the way of a repertory company, like the C.C.C., and his present batch of first-class plays. All praise to Miss Horniman, F. R. Benson, and the rest—they all have my respect and my hearty admiration in the good work they have done and are doing—but why not a small word of appreciation for the 33 years' repertory work of—Yours faithfully,
EDWARD COMPTON.

New Theatre, Cardiff.
March 23.

The Yiddish actor, Maurice Moscovitch, who is now in the United States with his "A" company after a successful tour of South America, will very probably return to London in the near future and give a second season. Mr. Moscovitch has acquired the rights of production of many New York successes, and he has also had a great number of Spanish and Italian plays translated for him. Another novelty will probably be the first production in Yiddish of George Bernard Shaw.

THE NATIONAL THEATRE.

Our spirited contemporary, "The Daily Sketch," in an interview with Mr. Alfred Barnard, the managing-director of "The Era," and in a leading article on the above subject has agreed with us in our despair of the National Theatre ever coming into actual existence under the auspices of the present organisation. "What is happening to the National Theatre scheme?" the representative of the "Daily Sketch" inquired of Mr. Barnard, who replied, "Nothing, and nothing ever will. We shall never see a National Theatre in our time."

This conclusion is one that we have arrived at after much experiment and consideration. We were on the side of the scheme at its commencement. We fully reported the large meeting at the Lyceum Theatre, at which the enterprise was described to the theatrical public. We supported the idea in a series of leading articles. And, most significant of all, we submitted in writing to the Secretary of the National Theatre a practical project for raising funds.

This scheme was based on three points. First, that in order to ensure the success of the National Theatre when opened, a very large number of small contributors to the Fund was desirable; in other words, that it was better to have 10,000 subscribers of £1 each than one subscriber of £10,000, because in the former case you have 10,000 possible frequenters of the theatre when it is in going order. Second, that the theatre when opened can itself appeal only to people residing in Greater London, and that therefore all funds for it should be collected in that area. And third, that what is required to advance the movement is a popular element about its appeal.

With these three principles in view, we proposed to divide Greater London into small districts, and to call in the assistance of local poets, clergymen, and secretaries of literary and dramatic societies, and to organise the work on certain lines which were indicated in the document which we forwarded to the secretary. In every such district we proposed to have an actor to lecture on the National Theatre movement.

Assuming that there are 35 million sane adult persons in Greater London, we proposed to ask from each of them the sum of one shilling. We did not intend to ask for this simply because the National Theatre scheme was a good one. We proposed to divide the total amount subscribed for into shilling shares, one share being issued for every shilling paid. These shillings were to be in part secured upon the freehold value of the land on which the theatre is built and the building itself, so that, should it be a failure, at least part of the money invested might be returned to the subscribers; and the profit, which we considered would be enormous, if a large number of persons were interested in the theatre, would be divided at periods among the holders of shilling shares. Holders of a certain number of shares were to be entitled to so many free admissions to the theatre during a specified period, but they were to have no control by vote or otherwise over the movements of the committee of management.

We thus submitted, with all desire to assist the National Theatre movement, a specific and practical scheme, worked out and considered in every particular, and founded on principles which are familiar to every man of business. We were prepared to "back our opinion" by working heart and soul to give the idea of a National Theatre a fair chance.

It will hardly be believed that no notice whatever was taken of our well-meant offer of assistance. We might well have been offended by such incivility, but reference to our files will show that for long afterwards we gave the National Theatre Committee the fairest of chances. Our proposal was forwarded about January, 1912. It was not till after the expiration of a twelvemonth, finding that the proceedings of the National Theatre Committee were marked by sloth and delay almost incredible, and by an absence of information to the public who had subscribed to the scheme almost beyond belief, that we applied a stimulant in the form of a series of letters and articles which were commented on, quoted, and alluded to in the daily Press to such an extent that, reluctantly as it were, the committee issued a balance-sheet showing the actual state of the finances of the National Theatre scheme. The facts that £12,730 had been spent and only £2,500 secured from the general public, and that the official staff was, by the admission of one of the committee, extravagantly expensive, were significant; but the worst feature exposed was the dilatory, unbusiness-like, and futile methods of the committee itself. These were so bad that some members of that body were impelled by their consciences to complain.

The National Theatre Committee have had a fair chance, and a long trial. They have been weighed in the balance, and collectively and as a body they have been found wanting. There are many names on the committee which have been placed there with the best intentions, but without that earnest interest in the idea which should animate every man who becomes a member of a business. Many of the committee have interests outside it which render it impossible for them to devote sufficient time and energy to the idea. Other names are those of persons who, from their very characters and habits, should never have been connected with a business project at all. The purchase of a site in Bloomsbury, of all places, is significant of the spirit of the committee. Bloomsbury, an excellent neighbourhood for libraries, lodging-houses, and schools, is about the worst for theatre. The spirit of the place, with its bookish, literary, spectacled stodge, is dead against Shakespeare. He would have gone mad in Bloomsbury. We can quite understand the Committee of the Shakespeare National Theatre selecting the site in Bloomsbury. It is just what we should have expected them to do. But that act puts the final condemnation on them and their work. We are reluctantly obliged to give them and their scheme up as a "bad job." There is little hope of their inspiring the general public with sufficient enthusiasm to raise the necessary funds. They have a certain sum given by a rich man. We imagine that this gift was offered on the condition of a theatre being built. But nearly £15,000 has been subscribed by the public, and £60,000 of the combined funds devoted to the purchase of a piece of land in a serious and side-long locality. The only thing to be considered now is what is to be done with it? Why not return to the original idea of a statue, which was supported in 1908 by Sir Herbert Tree, Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, and Sir Charles Wyndham? Or, in the alternative, is there not already among the many theatres in London's theatre-land a roof already overhead to shelter good work upon which the National Theatre Committee might spend its funds?

ADELINE GENEE TRIBUTE.

Arrangements are going forward for this presentation, and it is hoped that full particulars of the ceremony to take place on April 25 will be available shortly. In sending a contribution to the Keepsake Fund, Miss Maud Greenway writes: "It is with much pleasure that I am able to show in some way my appreciation of Miss Genée's great art. I wish the sum could have been in any way equal to the pleasure she has given me. In that case you would not have needed any other contributions."

"SEALED ORDERS" REVIVED.

The very successful run of "Sealed Orders" at Drury Lane was interrupted at Christmas by the production of the pantomime, and now that the "Sleeping Beauty" and her associates in fairyland have vanished from the scene, Mr. Arthur Collins has done well to return to his former extremely attractive dramatic bill of fare, for there can be no question that Messrs. Cecil Raleigh and Henry Hamilton's latest play is one of the best of the long series of Drury Lane dramas which have become famous in recent theatrical history. With an experience extending over many years, the authors have become more expert than ever in the contrivance of a story replete with thrilling situations and offering full opportunity for novel and elaborate scenic display. It would, indeed, be difficult to point to any flaw in a production which may be said to reach the high-water mark of excellence in sensational drama. The interest of the audience, which is cleverly aroused in the very first scene, is never permitted to flag, while at the same time the authors have adroitly steered clear of the wild improbabilities which disfigure and seriously weaken so many plays of the same type.

The drama itself being thoroughly sound and serviceable, Mr. Arthur Collins has seen to it that there shall be nothing wanting in the important matter of artistic scenery and ingenious mechanical contrivances. Effective use has been made of a recent scare caused by the alleged appearance at night-time of a mysterious airship. Not only is the aerial machine introduced in highly dramatic fashion, but we have the thrilling episode of witnessing a fight to the death of two desperate men in mid-air, the climax being reached by a shot fired from below taking effect and disabling the airship, as the combatants fall into the sea below. This, it will be remembered, is the big sensation scene of the play, and it is cleverly led up to. There are other scenes which leave a vivid impression—the Flower Show at Chelsea, with its crowd of well-groomed men and charming ladies in the latest fashions; the deck of the battleship, lavishly decorated with flags and flowers; and the remarkably realistic picture of a sale at Christie's.

There are only a few changes to be noted in the cast since the original production. Mr. C. M. Hallard has been able to resume the part of John Le Page, afterwards Gaston Fournel, and his admirable performance, easy and natural all through, deserves the warmest praise. The part of the child, Ruth Le Page, is prettily played in the first act by Miss Marjorie Walker, and the grown-up Ruth has a very charming representative in Miss Marjorie Chard, who succeeds Miss Myrtle Tannehill. As Lady Felicia Gavron, the purloiner of the "sealed orders," Miss Madge Fabin acts with all the required earnestness and intensity of feeling scoring an unqualified success. Mr. Robert Ayrton supplies a life-like portrait of the old diamond merchant, Mendel Hart, whose son Bertie has a capital exponent in Mr. E. H. Kelly. The burglars, Joe Allan and Bill Corry, are well portrayed by Mr. Arthur Leigh and Mr. Herbert Vyryan. Mr. A. Robertson as Admiral Lord Hugh Gaveston is an efficient newcomer, and Mr. Kenneth Douglas has succeeded Mr. Hale Hamilton in the rôle of Hannibal C. Calhoun. He gives a decidedly bright and breezy embodiment of the fortune-teller, while Miss Fanny Brough resumes her part of Mrs. O'Mara, the beauty specialist. There is a touch of real humour in her portrayal of the character. Mr. Laurence Burton can be complimented on making the best use of his opportunities as the Hon. Dennis Wiloughby, whose fellow-lodgers on board the battleship, Edward Hay and Cecil Drummond, are carefully embodied by Mr. Forrester Harvey and Mr. Gerald Ames. The Baron Kordmann of Mr. Julian Royce is a polished and highly effective performance; and in the rôle of Old Alf, Mr. E. W. Royce's long and varied experience stands him in good stead. Appearing only in the first act Miss Mildred Cottell is seen to advantage as Ellen Le Page; and favourable mention should be made of the Lady Violet Panx of Miss Alice Chartres and the Lady Oathwin of Miss Violet Lewis. Mr. Bryan Powley neatly hits off the moneylender, Monty Brevin; and other characters in the long cast are capably sustained by Messrs. George Forest, C. Russ, Arthur Poole, Laurence Caird, Denier Warren, Edward Morgan, C. Towle, P. Hughes, &c.

TOPSY SINDEN FUND.

Equally gratifying to those who cherish the reputation of Topsy Sinden, and to readers of "The Era," the word over, is a communication received this week covering a cheque for £40 for the above fund. The message comes from far-away Calcutta, and although it has arrived after our Fund is nominally closed, we have the greatest possible pleasure in recording Miss Topsy Sinden's appreciation of it, and our thanks to the collectors, Miss Georgie Corless and E. Brunetti. We shall have the pleasure later on of announcing the result of a big concert now being organised at Brighton. Sympathy for Miss Topsy Sinden has, indeed, been world-wide.

THE PHANTOM TREASURY.

On a board of balise
Whereon the gaze
Was certainly sure to fall,
By a bent black pin,
Stuck sideways in,
Hung the company's weekly "call."
It read, "At twelve on Saturday noon
Dispersed would Treasury be."
And of all the "calls," a "Treasury call"
A mummer loves best to see.
Now a bent black pin,
Stuck sideways in,
Is an omen of grief and woe,
As all who pose
As salaried pro's
Most certainly ought to know.
They'd cheerfully choke
A man who spoke
A "tag" that was orthodox,
And quoting Maobeth
Meant instant death
At the shrine of the Prompter's Box.
Alas! and Alack!
That pin so black
No fallacy proved to be,
For on Saturday morn
That crowd forlorn
Stood waiting their Treasuree.
And for aught I know they're waiting still,
With faces all drawn and pale,
And many a score, aye, hundreds and more,
Could tell you the same sad tale.
HENRY HATCHMAN.

Call for the author at the opening performance of "The Liars," by the Repertory company, at the Royalty Theatre, Glasgow, last week, brought forward Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, who occupied a box with the Lord Provost. The distinguished dramatist expressed his deep gratitude for the reception of his seventeen-year-old comedy, and also for its admirable interpretation by the Repertory members. He also conveyed the interesting information that while one act of "The Liars" had been written at a Fifth of Clyde resort, there was also one scene of which the writing had been done in a Glasgow hotel.

AMUSEMENTS IN PARIS.

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"APHRODITE."

Play, in Five Acts and Nine Tableaux, by Pierre Frondaie, after the novel of P. Louys. Produced at the Renaissance, on March 18.
Chrysis Mme. Cora Laparcerie
Chimairis Mme. Tessandier
Bacchys Mlle. Paule Andral
Bérénice Mlle. de Pouzois
Demetrios M. Jean Worms
Tison M. Puylagarde
Philodème M. Sydney
Théodème M. Gervais
Nauclates M. Sance
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

It wanted a certain amount of pluck on the part of the author and of the management to adapt and mount "Aphrodite," the risky novel by P. Louys. It is a most "peppery" work, but, be it said to the honour of the adaptor, he certainly took handfuls of spice out of it and made it presentable. M. Frondaie has left the story untouched. Demetrios, a famous and handsome sculptor, the lover of the young Queen Bérénice, has lost his heart to Chrysis, the well-known courtesan. But the latter tells him that he will never win her unless he brings her as a present a beautiful hand-glass owned by Bacchys, her rival; the comb worn by the grand priest's wife; and last, but not least, the pearl necklace of the goddess, Aphrodite. To please Chrysis Demetrios commits a theft, a murder, and a sacrilege. But when the courtesan offers him the promised reward he insists on her showing herself in public, carrying the glass and wearing the comb and the necklace. The woman knows that she risks her life. For all that, she goes to the lighthouse in the port of Alexandria so as to be better seen by the people. The mob at first take her for Aphrodite, but when they discover her identity they seize her and thrust her into prison, after which she is sentenced to death. The most telling scene is the orgy at the house of Bacchys, when a wretched slave, falsely accused of having stolen the mirror, is crucified.

"MA TANTE DE HONFLEUR."
Farce, in Three Acts, by M. Paul Gavault. Produced at the Variétés, on March 20.

Albertine Mlle. Lavallière
Mme. Raymond Mme. Leriche
Lucette Mlle. Diéterle
Mme. Dorlange Mlle. Marguerite Car
Juliette Mlle. Dorlère
Yvonne Mlle. Dorlère
Dorlange M. Baron
Charles Berthier M. Brasseur
Docteur Douce M. Guy
Adolphe M. Prince
Clément M. Gailpoux
This is a brightly written, amusing play. Charles Berthier is a kind-hearted, lazy youth, the happy possessor of a model aunt in Honfleur, who not only keeps him in splendid idleness, but shuts her eyes to all his pranks. At certain rise it is past midnight, and we see Charles come home, accompanied by Mlle. Lucette, a frail lady. Almost immediately, however, the Honfleur aunt arrives, claiming her nephew's hospitality for the night. Next comes Adolphe, Charles's bosom friend, who has had a violent dispute with his beloved Albertine, and finally we see Mlle. Albertine herself, anxious to put matters right with Adolphe. But Adolphe turns his back on the lady and travels straight to his parents' house in Brive to affiancé himself with Yvonne, a charming and wealthy widow. Albertine is heart-broken, and to please that young dandy, who threatens to drown herself, the kind-hearted Charles also leaves for Brive to bring back Adolphe. Scarcely has Charles arrived when the impatient Albertine also makes her appearance, passing herself off as Charles's wife, thereby creating further complications. The distracted Charles, anxious to get away from Brive, forges a telegram to himself announcing the death of his Honfleur aunt. But whilst he is receiving condolences the aunt is ushered in, and she, of course, complicates things still further. The aunt, fortunately, is an intelligent woman. She has guessed that Adolphe still loves Albertine, and that Charles and the pretty widow have lost their hearts to one another. All this leads to a double marriage, and everybody is happy. The work was interpreted by a fine cast.

KENSINGTON NATIONAL RESERVE WEEK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ERA.
Dear Sir,—A committee, under the patronage of H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll and the Duke of Argyll, are making an effort to provide and equip headquarters for the National Reserve of Kensington, and are arranging a series of entertainments to take place during the week of May 14 to 20.

The Kensington Battalion is 490 strong, with 92 officers, and it is very satisfactory to know that 80 per cent. of officers and men have undertaken to serve their country in action if called upon to do so. It is also gratifying to hear that in the recent shooting competition organised by the City of London Corporation, the Kensington National Reserve secured the second prize.

We have arranged, at present, a "Camp Fair" to take place in the Kensington Town Hall on May 14 and 15, a concert on May 18, a matinee at the Coronet Theatre on the 19th, and we are very anxious that a cricket match should form part of the week's programme.

Would it not be possible to find among your readers enthusiasm enough to organise a team, or even two opposing teams who would meet in bloodless warfare one afternoon in May and fight for those who are ready to fight for them? Believe me, yours truly,

TESSA MACKENZIE,
Organising Secretary, "Kensington National Reserve Week."
Kensington Town Hall,
March 23, 1914.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"The Three Arts Journal," March number. Price 6d. net.
"The London Magazine," April. Price 6d. Published by the Amalgamated Press, Ltd.
"The New Weekly," March. Price 2d. Published by the St. Clements Press, Ltd.
"Pern To-day," for October and November, 1913. Price 7d. Published by the West Coast Publishing Co.
"Elizabethan Drama and its Mad Folk," by E. A. Peers, B.A. Price 3s. 6d. net. Published by W. Heffer and Sons, Ltd.
"Bad Old Times," by W. H. C. Nation. Price 1s. Published by Drane's.
"The Pall Mall Magazine for April." Price 6d. net. Published by Illife and Sons, Ltd.

A Central News telegram from Baltimore says that the report that Miss Julia Marlowe (Mrs. B. H. Sothern), the celebrated Shakespearean actress, is lying ill there with appendicitis is incorrect. The report is due to the serious illness from appendicitis of another Mrs. Sothern at Baltimore. Miss Marlowe was recently indisposed, the symptoms threatening an attack of appendicitis, and for this reason she abandoned an intended tour on the Pacific coast. It has not yet been found necessary for her to undergo an operation.

VARIETY GOSSIP

The directors of the Empire announce that Mr. Alfred Butt has, with the acquiescence of the directors of the Palace Theatre, accepted their invitation to become managing director, in place of Mr. Walter Dickson, who has recently retired. On Wednesday last Mr. Butt was duly elected to a seat on the board.

In order to ensure the closest relationship between the Palace and Empire companies, Mr. Frederick Hurdie, chairman of the Empire, and Mr. FitzWilliam, chairman of the Palace, are joining the Palace directors, while Mr. Ernest Polden, chairman of the Palace, and Mr. Eugene Crement, a director, will in the same way become members of the Empire board.

Mr. Oswald Stoll, in his comments on the Children (Employment and School Attendance) Bill, which appeared in the "Times" of Friday last, writes:—"And as to the powers given in respect of children up to the age of fifteen, take my own case. When first I negotiated and signed a contract with an artist for his appearance at a certain theatre, my age was fourteen years and three months. What local education authority would have deemed it beneficial to a child to be employed at that age in that responsible manner, in a music hall, amidst the sale of excisable liquors and other Bohemian surroundings?"

"Under this Bill, had it then been law, a career such as mine would certainly have been nipped in the bud. Even had an authority so constituted taken the true view, the formalities of considering and obtaining the certificate of exemption would probably have submerged the opportunity that came to me and drowned it in the tide which, taken at the flood, led on to fortune. The precocity of Oswald was certainly amazing. He was determined that the voyage of his life should not be 'bound in shallows.'"

Miss Gertie Millar, it is announced, has just contracted with Mr. Oswald Stoll to go some time in September to the Coliseum to play the chief part in a new and elaborate revue which he is preparing as the outstanding feature of his autumn programme.

Reports printed in New York regarding the accident to Mrs. Anna Pavlova at St. Louis varied considerably, and much anxiety has therefore been felt. No bone was broken, however, the injury being merely a dislocation of a bone in the little toe of the right foot, which was easily remedied without the removal of the patient to the hospital.

"As 'Nuts and Wine' has had its 'coda' tapped for, and will finish next Saturday night," writes Mr. James Glover. "I will not say much about the performance of the other night, but musically I will say that it did not seem as noisy as several of the other scores which I have recently sampled. Some of the orchestration was excellently distinctive, and as it was a mosaic score I do not quite know where to give the credit. The chorus work was exceptionally good."

Miss Claire Romaine, an excellent comedienne, whose instantaneous success as the leading lady in the revue, "Just My Luck," has been not only extremely gratifying to herself, but to her many friends, has a capital song in George Arthurs and Herman Darewski's "I want to see more of you." She goes on Monday next to the Empire, Leeds. During the week she has been booked by cable for a return visit to Australia next year.

The management of the Palace Theatre has cancelled Nijinsky's engagement, which had some weeks to run. The following statement has been issued from the theatre:—"There is no mystery, so far as the Palace Theatre is concerned, regarding the termination of M. Nijinsky's contract. This artist was unfortunately ill for three nights, and in the opinion of the management this break was detrimental to the success of the engagement, and consequently they (the management) exercised their option under his (M. Nijinsky's) contract and terminated it."

In connection with the Vicar of Brixton's new morality play to be given at the Brixton Empress on Monday next, the Rev. A. J. Waldron wishes it to be understood that he has not in any way been strongly impressed by Jerome K. Jereme's play "The Passing of the Third-Door Back," as stated last week. His character in "The Carpenter" is meant to stand for a member of the Brotherhood, who is intensely human and modern. His religion, which he applies to present-day questions, is the religion of unselfishness—the religion which includes high and noble acts, springing from good motives, which means doing good and being good. Love, and love only, is his key.

"With regard to my work for the stage," says Mr. Waldron, "some people have criticised my writing plays. May I say I have always found the stage folks as willing and eager to respond to the message of the person as any other class. We often forget that stage folks have souls. As chaplain to the Actors' Church Union I have been able to come into first-hand contact with the theatrical profession, and hold pronounced views on the purpose of the stage. The theatre, in my opinion, is the church in drama: it interprets our feelings, passions, and thoughts in action. There are good plays and bad plays, but in the end the good is bound to win. I always believe in two things: humanity and God. Religion is just striving after something better—the craving for the infinite."

That charitable and convivial body, the Grand Order of Water Rats, are giving their annual ball in the Empire Suite of the Trocadero Restaurant on Sunday, and the stars of the variety profession will be there. The reception is at 9.30, supper at 10.30, and at midnight a move will be made to the ballroom.

A cheery letter from Miss Topsy Sinden arrived yesterday afternoon. The fair invalid is a little better and feels that she is going to get strong and delight us all again with her accomplished dancing. But it will take time. She is full of sympathy with Anna Pavlova in the accident to her ankle. "I do so feel for her," writes Miss Sinden, "as I know what it is to be cut off from one's work. I trust God will soon restore her to health so that she may be able to do her beautiful dancing again. She was perfect in her art." Miss Sinden adds that she has received "such a sweet letter from Ellen Terry."

Mme. Adeline Genée revived "La Camargo" on Monday at the Coliseum with very great success. The subject of the scenario is more human and sympathetic than the ballet from "Robert le Diable," and in the character of the great dancer, who was a favourite of Louis XV., the Danish prima donna is seen at her best. The music by Dora Bright is full of melody, the minut being characteristic of the period of Watteau. Mr. Erik Stirling made a successful appearance as the French monarch, dancing with much staidness and grace. M. Alexander Volinin eloquently played the young soldier, whose pardon is secured from the King by La Camargo, and Mlle. Zanfretta was expressive as Mme. Van Staden.

On Monday, the Savoy, Glasgow, formally passed into the hands of the new lessee, Mr. Jack de Frece. Next Monday, the West-End Playhouse is taken over by Mr. A. D. Macfarlane on behalf of a syndicate who intend to run picture and vaudeville programmes.

After an absence of several years, Dr. Walford Bodie is paying a return visit to the Rochdale Hippodrome this week, where he is attracting crowded and enthusiastic audiences. This popular entertainer has always been a favourite with Rochdale music-hall patrons, and was delighted with the warmth of his reception.

Things are undoubtedly booming at the Devonport Hippodrome, the manager (Mr. G. E. France) and assistant-manager (Mr. Wm. Baldwin) having recently opened at the rear of the theatre a motor garage. It has become so popular that additional premises have been required to cope with the continually increasing demand for car accommodation.

Mr. J. Leicester Jackson, who, for the past few years, has occupied the position of resident-manager of the Palladium Theatre, Belfast, was on Friday last accorded a farewell benefit. By the courtesy of the respective managers, artists from Belfast Hippodrome, Alhambra, and Empire appeared. "East Lynne" was also successfully presented, with Mr. and Mrs. Leicester Jackson as Francis Levison and Lady Isabel.

During the course of the evening the beneficiary was the recipient of a handsome cheque, the gift of his Ulster admirers, and he left Belfast on Saturday (to join Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Mackay's company). Mr. John Bryan Tully has been appointed Mr. Jackson's successor at the Palladium.

The London Theatres of Varieties appealed successfully on Saturday against a judgment entered by Mr. Justice Coleridge in favour of Mr. Chas. F. Reed, of Brixton, who alleged that he was wrongfully dismissed by Mr. Charles Guillever from his post as booking manager to the Gibbons Circuit.

Mr. Bernard Shaw's amusing trifle, "The Music Cure," which was produced a few weeks ago at the Little Theatre in front of Mr. G. K. Chesterton's interesting play, "Magic," was transferred to the Palace Theatre on Monday, when it met with a distinctly favourable reception.

Houdini, who was appearing last week at the Newport Empire, has a staff of all-round athletes travelling with him, and in order to discover the best runner, Houdini organised a two miles championship flat race. A very fair handicap was arranged, and the race took place on a secluded course at the Corporation-road tram terminus.

Houdini and a newspaper man acted as time-keepers, and some excellent running was witnessed. Harold Vickery was scratch man and J. Galvin had two minutes' start. All the competitors finished, the first three being Jack Smart, J. J. MacClelland, and James Collins. Houdini offered a trophy for the winner. It proved a most enjoyable event.

Mr. E. G. Clark made an application to the Lancaster Borough Magistrates on Thursday for the approval of important alterations which Mr. John Porter, proprietor, intends to make to the Hippodrome and Opera House in Dalton-square. Mr. Clark said that Mr. Porter had bought the house adjoining the Hippodrome, now occupied by Dr. Burrow. They would see from the plans that they wished for permission to lower the present gallery and make it into a proper dress circle, and then put a top gallery above it. The Mayor said that the plans were very good, and would be a decided improvement.

Mr. Spencer E. Barrow, A.R.B.A., has prepared the plans. The old Palace Hall will not be much in evidence when they are carried out. The front elevation, in the classic style, to Dalton-square will be 76ft. in height, and the auditorium will be 60ft. by 40ft., while the stage will be extended to 30ft. by 25ft. against 20ft. It is expected that the work will be carried out between Whit Sunday and August, and Lancaster will then have a really modern music hall, through Mr. Porter's enterprise.

Mr. W. Havers, the manager of the new Alhambra, Bradford, has been presented with a silver cigarette-case, suitably inscribed, and a purse of gold, by the orchestra and staff at the Keighley Hippodrome, of which he was the manager. Mr. Alf. Batt, Mr. Havers' successor at Keighley, made the presentation, and said that the gifts had been subscribed for by a few friends as a token of the esteem and regard in which he was held in Keighley.

Those clever cosmopolitan artists, Terry and Lambert, are at the London Pavilion this week, and on Monday scored one of the most decisive hits of the evening with their amusing and smartly-worked caricature impressions. Appearing first as a New York nut and a Chicago gum-chewing girl, they quickly made good, their next caricatures being those of a vapour English lord and a Yankee heiress who means to capture a coronet.

The lady describes herself as a "lemon from the garden of love," and in her "preliminary canter" with her admirer makes it pretty evident she will be the "winner." There is much really funny dialogue in this interlude, which was keenly enjoyed. The happily-associated couple also appeared as a saucy little Yankee girl and an indignant cabman, and the "Sally in our alley" finale was loudly acclaimed.

Neil Kenyon is, of course, also very popular at the "Pav." and his delightful old "Postman o' Dunrobin" is an impersonation that always amuses. Very funny, too, is "Simple Sandy, the wastrel," and the clever Scottish comedian has a reception reserved only for favourites.

The Tower Theatre at Maradana, under the management of the Coliseum Theatre Company, was auspiciously inaugurated on the night of Feb. 26 with a programme that reached the high watermark of local variety entertainment in Colombo. The response of the public at both performances was in keeping with the enthusiasm and keenness displayed by those who had the arrangements in hand. The seating is exceptionally comfortable, and a word of praise is due to Mr. William Tyce, the business manager of the company. The world-famous skaters, Earle Reynolds and Nellie Donegan, who skated all over the stage to the accompaniment of delightful music, were the star turn.

The Tower Theatre venture is well known to be but the preliminary of a new era in variety entertainment in Colombo, and it is sufficient to say that if the new Coliseum Theatre, when it is started, can maintain the patronage of as large an audience as assembled on this opening night, its ultimate success is assured.

Mr. Harry Bawn, proprietor of the Edmonton Empire, is going in for municipal honours, and has issued his address as a candidate for the Bury-street Ward of the Edmonton Urban District Council. The election is fixed for Monday, April 6.

Mr. Fred Farren and Miss Ida Crispi will return to the Empire on Monday next in a revue called "A Mixed Grill," written by W. H. Risque, the music being by Howard Talbot, whose work in "The Arcadians" is not forgotten. "A Mixed Grill" was recently produced at the Hippodrome, Southampton.

Carter Liveroy and Lillian Rosebery, who are now on their seventh tour, have in preparation a new comedy sensation by George Arthurs, which they will shortly produce, entitled "Scare Rhetorical." In spite of the revue craze, their bookings are quite satisfactory. Their recent offers include pantomime, America, South Africa, and Australia.

In the case at Bow-street on Tuesday (17th), in which Mr. John Hart, proprietor of the Star Music Hall, Bermondsey, summoned Mr. Fred Karno for using threats towards him, Mr. Hopkins, after hearing the defence, said he did not think there was any case worth his consideration for a moment, and the summons would be dismissed. Upon the application of Mr. E. P. Lever, who represented Mr. Karno, his worship allowed £1 is. costs.

A sub-committee of the Music Hall Ladies' Guild has been appointed to consider the amendment of the rules or the introduction of new ones. Suggestions are invited from executive members who are out of town, or are unable for other reasons to attend the meetings. Such suggestions should be sent to the offices of the Guild, 3, Newport House, Great Newport-street, W., not later than Monday, April 6. The envelopes should be marked in the left-hand corner, "Rules."

"Mr. Charles A. East, actor and sketch artist, was admitted to Charing Cross Hospital last Saturday evening. He is very ill indeed." Thus writes Miss East Robertson (Mrs. Charles East), who desires, through our columns, to thank Mr. Oswald Stoll, Mr. Arthur Croxson, and Mr. Bertie Shelton for their ready help and kindness. "They were so prompt," she adds; "no time was lost." Mr. East produced all the dramas for twelve months at the New Middlesex, and was for some time at the Britannia, Hoxton.

I regret to record the death on the 15th inst. at Birmingham, at the age of 67, of Emma Izon. With her decease passes away another genuine old-time music hall artiste. She was a partner with her husband, the late Ted Forrest, as Forrest and Wood, the combination becoming Forrest, Wood, and Izon when their son, Edgar Izon, joined the team. I remember the popularity of the act in London. On the death of her husband "Ma" Forrest, as she was known to all the profession, founded the Forrest Comedy Co. She was the mother of the late Ada Izon, a star male impersonator some 30 years back.

The committee who organised the recent football match at Chelsea in aid of the Rous Memorial Hospital at Newmarket and the Music Hall Convalescent Home Fund (Joe Elvin's scheme) have issued their balance-sheet, which shows that £196 8s. was received (through Messrs. A. Templeman and E. Wheatley) in donations; £271 15s. was taken at the gates; £146 9s. 6d. has been received for tickets sold; £64 4s. 7d. was collected on the ground; £87 15s. 1d. in donations to the Music Hall Convalescent Home Fund account; £14 10s. advertisements in the programme; and £40 not yet to hand for donations and tickets sold making in all a total of £821 2s. 2d. Against this there were expenses (including the extra cost owing to the postponement) amounting in all to £315 1s. 9d., leaving a profit of £505 8s. 5d., which has been divided between the two charities.

Invented and arranged by George Ray, a new revue entitled "Chase Me" will be presented on Monday evening at the Islington Empire. The book and lyrics are by John P. Harrington, and the music composed and selected by Alex. Henley. A full West-End company are now engaged in active rehearsal under the direction of Harry Butcher. There are seven elaborate scenes by Francis Bull, each representing a part of the globe in which a charming and greatly sought after young lady seeks temporary refuge from her pursuers, in the course of a word-wide chase. To me, the idea seems an excellent one for a revue, and I am sure that I shall not be disappointed when I see the show at Islington on Monday.

A delightful songstress, in the person of Miss Emilie Hayes, is coming to town on Monday. She has been exclusively engaged by Mr. Oswald Stoll for the London Coliseum, and will appear at that theatre during the next few weeks, featuring three specially written numbers. There is just a tinge of romance behind this engagement, inasmuch as Miss Hayes in private life is the newly-made bride of the chocolate-coloured coon, G. H. Elliott, himself a star entertainer.

The couple first met in pantomime at the Shakespeare Theatre, Liverpool, two years ago. "Goody Two Shoes" was the title of the fairy extravaganza in which Miss Hayes and Mr. Elliott had the principal parts to play, and the daily rendering of a charming duet by them was undoubtedly the beginning of an attachment that was destined to end in wedding bells. Simultaneously at the Empire in Lime-street, not a minute's walk from the Shakespeare, "Alice in Wonderland" was being given. Professional people rejoice in a "busman's holiday," and one afternoon "Goody" and the "Coon" thought they would like to see the adventures of "Alice." So they occupied a box at the Empire, and somehow it came to pass that by the time the performance was ended "Goody" and the "Coon" had decided to enter into a life partnership. Miss Hayes is considered to be one of our finest mezzo-sopranos.

A last word on the James Howell Benefit, which is fixed at the Oxford to-morrow (26th) at 2.30. The beneficiary's state of health compelled him to relinquish his position at the Tivoli, which he had held for fifteen years. For something like fifty years "Jimmy" has been in the heart of the amusement world, and is just over seventy, though he scarcely looked it last time I saw him. He deserves a bumper house, and I hope the result of the matinee will be a good round sum.

The strong company of star artists who have kindly consented to appear include Wilkie Bard, G. H. Chirgwin, Tom Clare, Conkley, Hanvey and Dunlavy, Coram, Femina, Quartette, the Gascoignes, Barclay Gammon, Eric Greene, Gerlie Gittana, Wilson Hallett, Neil Kenyon, Mary Law, Violet Lloyd and Horace Lane, Karl Livingstone, Clarice Mayne, Little Tich, Harry Tate, Gintaro, Lloyd Shakespeare, Velanche's Dogs, Vernon Watson, and Bransby Williams.

THE PILGRIM.

"The Era" has a larger circulation than that of any other theatrical or variety journal published in the United Kingdom.

"ASHES."

A Play, in One Act, by Percy Fendall, Produced for the First Time on any stage at the Hippodrome, Manchester, on Monday, March 23. Mr. Fowler Mr. Robert Horton
Sir James Lambert Mr. Ashton Pearce
Ledy Lambert Mrs. Langtry
Mr. Percy Fendall's play, "Ashes," made a very favourable impression upon the big audience at the Hippodrome, Manchester, on Monday evening. It deals with a subject of well-worn interest, but has a freshness of denouement for even the most practiced and discerning of playgoers. The action centres round an indication of Lady Lambert, to whose former lover, Freddie Fowler, she had once written a compromising letter, which the man has kept, evidently with an eye to possibilities. Fowler is a visitor of the Lamberts, and he takes the first opportunity of suggesting to the disillusioned lady that the exchange of his letter for a hundred pounds, to enable him to go abroad and attempt to retrieve his broken fortunes, might be a wise thing for her to consider. Naturally, she is more disillusioned than ever, but the situation is too serious for purely heroic rejection; so she resorts to the pretext of borrowing from her husband the necessary sum, saying that the money is for someone else.

Left alone together, Fowler and Lady Lambert complete their bargain. The cheque goes into her old lover's pocket-book, and the compromising letter is reduced to ashes by the victimised lady. She, however, has thought of a scheme to outwit the backslider. All this time she has been on the point of departure to see a problem play, while her husband and Fowler have intended to dine together. Coming in from dressing, Sir James is surprised to find his wife still lying in bed. And then the bomb falls. Lady Lambert calmly announces that a message on the 'phone from the person for whom the hundred pounds has been borrowed nullifies the requirement, and that she has handed the cheque to Fowler for return to Sir James. Fowler is dumfounded and beaten. His compromising letter is reduced to ashes, and Lady Lambert clinches the situation by her caustic remark with regard to the cheque, "More ashes!"

The central figure is Lady Lambert, of whom Mrs. Langtry, beautifully dressed, gave a charming and convincing interpretation, and a few of every mood of the woman who is so beaten into a corner by reason of a foolish indiscretion, yet who shows herself amply possessed of the cleverness which her former lover cynically denies to women. In the rôle of Fowler Mr. Robert Horton played with a cool and accomplished ease; and an effective rendering of the shrewd and wordy Sir James Lambert, trustful of his wife, was given by Mr. Ashton Pearce. This well-conceived little play is sure of a successful run.

THE PALLADIUM.

Messrs. George Ray and Jay Turner's successful revue, "Splash Me," is topping the bill at the Palladium this week. The production possesses many most attractive features. The comedy, on the whole, is of a high order, though the dude part—the programme does not give the cast in detail—is not quite as humorous as the prominence given to it demands. Great judgment has been shown in the selection of the numerous vocal numbers, which include such popular ditties as "Take me in your arms," "Poppy-Wopsy," "Somebody," "All the girls are lovely by the seaside." Among those who achieve success in these and other songs are Miss Enid Harcourt and Miss Ethel Pearce. The Schwartz Company are fulfilling their first engagement at this hall with "The Broken Mirror," an original sketch in which, after having smashed a large and valuable looking-glass, a resourceful valet successfully distracts the attention of his middle-headed master from the accident, by aping the latter's movements from the other side of the empty frame. Without seeing the sketch, one can realise its possibilities. To see it, one realises that these possibilities have been utilised to an unlooked-for extent by a clever but anonymous author and a talented and similarly unnamed company. "The Broken Mirror" is one long laugh from beginning to end.

Miss Clarice Mayne is singing what we imagine to be two new songs, and her tried favourite, "Nursie" Coram, fresh from his success before the King and Queen last week, adds considerably to the comedy of the programme in his diverting ventriloquial act. Mlle. Baptista Schreiber, the well-known equestrienne, appears with a tucful tenor, Otto Delfesen, in a pleasing show, combining both riding and singing; whilst the same bill is further distinguished by the names of Ella Shields, Jay Laurier, Chris. Van Bera and H. O. Wills.

"CAN YOU BEAT THIS?" AT PUTNEY.

As a matter of fact, it would be very difficult to beat it at Putney or anywhere else, for the revue bearing the above title is one of the most genuinely entertaining that we have yet seen. Although excellently staged and dressed, it is not for these reasons that we found it particularly pleasing, but on account of the genuine talent of the artistes. Place aux dames. The two leading ladies, Miss Yvonne Betts and Miss Eva Ellis, are as pretty, charming, and clever as anyone could possibly desire. The dresses they wear are exceedingly pretty, and they play with any amount of spirit. To come to "the more males," in Mr. Frank Bertram and Mr. Charlie Paton we have a couple of really funny and artistic comedians, who throughout are one long delight, and in Mr. Shaun Desmond, a jolly and manly juvenile lead. The whole company, including the chorus (a particularly charming one), work in a splendid, high-spirited fashion, and the entire show is a great credit to the producer, Mr. Joe Collins. It was with no surprise that we heard that "Can You Beat This?" is to be the principal attraction at the Palladium in a week or two's time. Mr. E. Davies is now the acting manager of the Putney Hippodrome, and is rapidly becoming very popular with its patrons.

VERA AND RUSSELL WRAY AT PUTNEY.

"HOODWINKING A HOOLIGAN." This clever pair of juvenile sketch artistes produced a new item at the Putney Hippodrome on Monday, which proved much to the taste of the audience. The curtain rises to discover a pretty little girl lying on a couch in a house in a lonely part of the country, some distance from town. She is just recovering consciousness, having been drugged and kidnapped by a gang of hooligans, who hope to persuade her father to pay £1,000 for her ransom. She is left in charge of one member of the gang, a youth of about twenty, and the sketch is concerned with her successful attempt to escape and completely turn the tables on her custodian. There is not much incident in the sketch, but the action is logical and interesting, and it affords an excellent opportunity for the display of the talent of the two artistes concerned, particularly of the little lady, a juvenile actress of decided natural talent. The youth, too, was quite excellently played by Mr. Russell Wray. It seemed to us that the ending might, by a little re-writing, be made rather more dramatic, and consequently effective, but even as it stands the sketch is very successful.

(Something every professional should read. See page 13.)

"HAPPY DAYS."

Revue, in Four Scenes, Written by Austin Hargon, Music by Hermann Darewski and others. Produced at the Coliseum, on Monday, March 23.

"Happy Days" will become happier when the company combines to extract some humour from the situations, and when there is more snap in the performance. What story there is starts in the courtyard of Sultan's Palace, Carabia, with its crowd of houis. Princess Naomi, who is the daughter of the Sultan, to escape a marriage with a Carabian prince, a gentleman of colour takes a seat in the motor car of Hamel-Hucks, an English actor, and comes away. Much more might be made of the second scene, our National Gallery, with living portraits of John Bull, George Robey, Lloyd George, Lord Charles Beresford, Winston Churchill, and Mr. Thornton. The references to topical and political subjects in this scene entirely lack humour. Scene 3, a familiar restaurant, adds nothing to the fun, but the musical number which precedes it—"Our Navy," made a popular appeal on Monday night. Scene 4 is placed in Piccadilly on New Year's Eve, which seems to justify the introduction of Father Time, and the curtain falls on a lively chorus. Mr. Willie Solar worked particularly hard in the first scene as Sam, and gave later his usual eccentric dance in addition to singing "You made me love you." Miss Hope Charteris had charming numbers to sing in "Wedding bells," and "Velvety eyes," being assisted in the latter number by Mr. George Horrocks and full chorus. Zella and Freda Jensen, a couple of attractive Danish dancers, were heartily applauded in a divertissement; Mr. Alfred Wellesley made a unctuous Sultan; and Messrs. John Sandbrook, Reginald Adair, Weybrance, Lloyd, A. Scott, Culen, and Aimée Bebb made the most of their chances, which were somewhat slender.

"WHAT PRICE LONDON?" AT SHEPHERD'S BUSH.

There has been considerable evidence during the last few months in support of the fact that the word "revue" does not necessarily mean good entertainment, but amongst that evidence one most certainly cannot place "What Price London?" the chief item in the current bill at the Shepherd's Bush Empire. Written by S. Fortesque Harrison and Charles Baldwin, and presented by the Variety Productions, Ltd., "What Price London?" is an exceedingly bright, amusing, and well staged show. The first scene is on Westminster Bridge, looking towards Charing Cross, quite a realistic setting, particularly when night falls, and the lights of cars passing along the Embankment and trains crossing the Charing Cross railway bridge are included among the effects. Here are gathered types representative of a street scene in London, soldiers, newspaper-boys, hawkers, suffragettes, recruiting sergeants, and so on, and the principal incident is the arrival of a famous English actor-aviator on his waterplane, having just won the £10,000 race from New York to London. This gentleman is accompanied by a well-known American millionaire, Silas Gee-Whiz, anxious to see the sights of our Metropolis. The second scene (a front-cloth scene) represents Charing Cross Station (under the clock), and finally we are taken to the Theatrical Garden Party Fête. There is, of course, very little plot, but a certain amount of interest is aroused by the scenes between the aviator and his sweetheart, the millionaire finding a vis-a-vis in a very charming lady, attractively played by Miss Kathleen Gray. The revue is full of bright numbers, some of the chief successes being "Bella, don't lose your umbrella" (Miss Rita Everard), "Come along to the Cabaret to-night," and the excellent song, the title of which escapes us for the moment, but is about something which is worth "a million dollars" (both sung by Miss Kathleen Gray), "Up she goes like a bird," and "Wonderful girl" (both excellently rendered by Mr. Frank Esmond as the actor-aviator), and an exhilarating number called "Money that does the talking." The comedy element is good, being in the hands of such experienced comedians as Mr. Mark Daly and Mr. Jack Williams, whilst the millionaire is well played by Mr. Henry Deas. Mention must also be made of a couple of tiny mites, described on the programme simply as the Two Cures, who appear in the first turn (in song and dance) as costers, and later in old-English costume. The same Miss Kathleen Gray, who the cast is an unusually good one, and the scenery, costumes, properties, and so on, have all been supplied by firms of high repute.

"THE LAST HOPE."

Dramatic Sketch, by Walter Howard, Produced at the Bedford on Monday, March 23. Captain Michael Grey Mr. Charles Vane
General Cromwell Mr. Jackson Hayes
Harry Tregenna Mr. Cameron
Mary Tregenna Miss Ellen Snow
This sketch, which Miss Ellen Snow is presenting, is from the pen of that well-known drama writer, Mr. Walter Howard, and is a good example of his clever work. It deals with an episode of the Civil War. Harry Tregenna, a young soldier, has been found guilty of cowardice in the face of the enemy and sentenced to be shot. His accuser, Captain Grey, is in love with Mary Tregenna, who has refused his advances, and on her coming to General Cromwell's quarters to intercede for her brother, she again meets him. The General, in response to the earnest appeal of Mary, agrees that her brother shall fight with Captain Grey, the finest swordsman in the Army, and thereby prove he is no coward. Mary sees her brother and entreats him to fight, but, unhappily, it is too true that the charge of cowardice is a fact. Mary is already prepared for eventualities, and, disguised as her brother, undertakes the fight, and is the victor. The General is so taken by the sister's devotion that he pardons the young soldier. The sketch is capably played by Miss Ellen Snow, who makes Captain Grey—the fight being very well done. Mr. Jackson Hayes is General Cromwell, and Mr. Cameron does well as Harry Tregenna.

Adèle Levey, the story-teller, who is so popular, appears, by special desire of Uncle Joe, at the Empire, Finsbury Park, matinee to-morrow (Thursday). She will also be seen on April 7 at the matinee at the Hippodrome, Brighton.

Sandro Vio, the well-known comic conjurer, has returned to England after a tour of the world, and will shortly make his reappearance in London at Olympia with an entirely new up-to-date act.

The Omega Trio, Dexter, Lily Lonsdale, Ernie Myers, and Rose Milward sailed last Saturday per R.M.S. Briton to fulfil engagements with the African Theatres Trust, Ltd., and next Saturday Mr. Rufe Naylor will deputise Alice Carver and Co., Arthur T. Ward, Grace Stohl, and Leonie Dixon for the same tour.

Mr. Rufe Naylor is introducing two new acts to London this week—Miss Almee Parkerson, a very fine contralto, who recently made a big success in Africa, and is opening on the L.T.V. Circuit at Willeddon, and the Lonsons, a clever and sensational cycle and balancing act, is appearing at the Clapham Grand.

SONGS, WRITERS AND SINGERS.

"I'm on my way to Mandalay" (by Alfred Bryan and Fred Fischer—the authors of the recent success, "Fog of my heart") is already being hummed and whistled all over London, and it is safe to predict the last effort of the above happy combination will create as great a furore on this side of the Atlantic as it has done on the other side. It is certain that in this song America has given us of her very best. Demands for this song are already causing a hustle amongst the staff of Frank Howard, Ltd.

"Lantern Land" will be specially produced in Mr. George Ray's new revue, "Chase Me," on March 26, at the Irving's Empire. This song, both on account of its attractiveness and its suitability as a production number, has already been snapped up by every concert and all-rosco party in the kingdom.

Miss Christopher St. Bee wires from the Cambridge Empire: "First and only love" a huge success. Congratulations!"

At the Finsbury Park Empire last week "Billy Boy" repeated the success it met with at the London Pavilion the preceding week. Mr. Martin D. Pitts, the baritone, with Miss Daphne Wynne, extracts every possible ounce of vocal effect from this charming number, and thoroughly deserved the scores accorded him nightly.

Tom E. Finglam, the original cowboy con, will shortly introduce, and specially feature in his popular act, "Broncho Bill's bouncing baby boy."

Miss Vella Tilley continues to score a huge triumph with her song "I'll show you round Paris." At the Chatham Empire the audience received this song with tremendous applause, and it is certain this incomparable artiste has hit upon a decided winner.

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MR. CECIL PERRY.

Mr. Cecil Perry is the second son of the late Mr. John Perry, and was for many years with a very well-known firm of accountants in London. Leaving them in November, 1912, he commenced business on his own account, opening offices at 38, Conduit-street, London, W. Having in the remarkably short space of fifteen months got together a most successful practice, Mr. Perry now proposes to devote some of his spare time to local affairs, and being a resident of Kew Gardens, he is to be nominated in November next for a position on the Richmond Town Council. Notwithstanding the fact that he is opposing a strong member of the Council, we have little doubt that when the election takes place he will, with his undeniable energy and ability, and his wonderful knack of accomplishing the end in view, at least put up a very good fight.

Married on April 17, 1913, to Miss Dorothy Walker, a son and heir was born on Nov. 10, 1913. Prior to residing at Kew Gardens after his marriage, Mr. Perry took a prominent part in local affairs at Hammersmith, and, being a strong Conservative in politics, is particularly interested in the Conservative movement. He was at one time the Editor of the Sports section of the Hammersmith Constitutional Year-Book, and as long ago as twenty-two years edited the "Norland Conservative Club Gazette."

Mr. Perry has for many years past been a regular and frequent contributor to the Press, and has written interesting articles on many differing subjects.



MR. CECIL PERRY.

Amongst some of his more recent articles have been "Book-keeping for Farmers," "Are There Too Many Theatres?" "Theatrical Finance," "Is Musical Comedy Waning?" "Local Railway Services," "The Life of a Chorus Girl," "The Overcrowding of Olympia," "Aeroplane v. Motor Cars," "Bungalow Life," &c. In connection with the latter article, Mr. Perry last year took a bungalow for three months at Belling, Herne Bay, adjoining the bungalows of Mr. George Robey and Mr. Fred Wright, and was the recipient of eulogistic notices in the Herne Bay Press for his article in the "Evening News" describing the attractions of Belling.

Mr. Perry acted for many years as the dramatic critic for a well-known theatrical paper, and has often contributed to the columns of the "West London Observer," the "Richmond Herald," and the "Richmond and Twickenham Times," in addition to being a regular contributor to many of the London dailies.

As a well-known accountant in the theatrical world, Mr. Perry is intimately acquainted with the financial side of most of the London and suburban theatres, apart from which he has been brought into close touch with various shows held in London, and with the innumerable electric theatres and cinemas. Mr. Perry also enjoys the friendship of a large number of West End and suburban theatrical managers. Mr. Perry is also very well-known in the motor world, and, apart from the fact that his business brings him into touch with many of the prominent gentlemen in this industry, he from time to time contributes articles to the Press in connection with the motor business.

Quite recently Mr. Perry was the recipient of an engraved cigarette case, accompanied by a personal letter of thanks, from the Duke of Westminster for his services in connection with the Olympic Games Fund.

As an athlete Mr. Perry has always taken a great interest in sports of every description, and was one of the founders of the Elmsmere Football Club and the Stamford Brook Football and Cricket Club, the latter of which was for many years one of the largest clubs in West London. For his work in connection with this club as hon. secretary he was the recipient of a silver and oak tantalus, suitably inscribed from the members. As captain of the football club he for several years took the first team down to play Brighton College. In connection with the Stamford Brook Football and Cricket Club also he organised many concerts and fetes, one of the latter being attended by no less than 7,000 people. He also played Association football for the Old Palace Club and the Sutton Court Football Club, of which latter he has been for many years, and still is, a vice-president.

Mr. Perry has for many years actively participated in all kinds of athletics, and is particularly adept at billiards, having played in the final of the All England Club Championship at the Billiard Control Club, and the semi-final of the Press Club Billiard Handicap at Thurston's. He has also won the Silver Championship Cup of the Shepherd's Bush Cricket Club, of which he was a member. He has been in the final of the championship of the Shepherd's Bush Club, and is the possessor of several gold medals and other trophies in connection with his victories. He has made a break of over 400 by means of the Anchor cannon stroke, and some years ago achieved the unique performance of potting fifteen balls in succession in a game of pyramids. He has also opposed Mr. H. Vahid, the ex-amateur champion of England, in the final of a handicap, and has played an exhibition game of billiards with Mr. Cook, the holder of the world's nursery cannon record.

Mr. Perry indulges in cricket, football (Association and Rugby), golf, motorcycling, cycling, tennis, badminton, sculling, swimming, punting, skating, etc., and was at one time a great walker, having walked to Brighton in one day, and Windsor and back in a day.

Just at present Mr. Perry is occupied with the formation of the Kew Gardens Tennis and Badminton Club, and, having received many promises of support from very influential people, there is no doubt that it will prove one of the largest clubs in the Thames Valley and district. A member of the following clubs: Managers, Arts and Dramatic, Norse Rowing, Kew Rifle, Thames Valley Badminton, Pioneer Lawn Tennis, and the Victoria Working Men's Club, Mr. Perry's time, one might imagine, is fully occupied; but in addition he is also a member of the Richmond Horse Show Society, a member of the committee of the North Sheen Ward Union, and a member of the Richmond, Petersham, and Kew Conservative Association.

VARIETY LAW.

MUSIC HALL CONTRACT.

In the Court of Appeal, before the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Buckley, and Lord Justice Phillimore, came up the action Reed v. London Theatre of Varieties, Ltd. Defendants in this suit applied for judgment or a new trial on appeal from a verdict and judgment at a trial before Mr. Justice Coleridge and a special jury. Mr. M. Shearman, K.C. (Mr. Schiller, K.C., and Mr. Ogilvie (instructed by Messrs. Amery, Parkes, and Co.) appeared for appellants; and Mr. Marshall Hall, K.C., and Mr. Rowland Harker (instructed by Messrs. J. G. and B. S. Bernstein) were for respondents.

Mr. Charles P. Reed, of Brixton, secured an engagement in January, 1911, as booking manager for the defendant company's halls, except the Palladium. His salary was to be £700, rising to £750, and the agreement was to be for five years, to be terminated by six months' notice. Mr. Walter Gibbons, who entered into the agreement on behalf of the defendant company, left the company in September, 1912, and plaintiff was dismissed. Defendants denied that the contract was entered into with their authority, and said they were justified in dismissing Mr. Reed.

At the trial before Mr. Justice Coleridge and a special jury, the latter answered certain questions put by the judge, and assessed the damages to plaintiff at £750. Judgment was entered accordingly, and against the defendant company, who now appeal.

In delivering judgment the Lord Chief Justice said the point had been raised that Mr. Gibbons had no authority to make a contract with Mr. Reed for five years, and that therefore the contract on which plaintiff sued was not a contract with defendants. He was unable to find in the agreement appointing Mr. Gibbons managing director any power given him to appoint a person to do that which he had himself agreed to do, namely, to control the booking at the various music halls. Therefore he came to the conclusion that upon his agreement, Mr. Gibbons had no power to enter into this contract. But the further point had been raised on the appeal that as, under the articles of association, this was a contract which could have been made by the managing director, Mr. Reed was entitled to presume that Mr. Gibbons was acting in pursuance of the power which the directors could have given him, and was therefore justified in treating him as the agent of the company in making the contract.

This was the point which went to the root of the case, for if Mr. Reed did believe that Mr. Gibbons had authority, he was entitled to succeed, although there was, in fact, no such authority. He thought Mr. Reed presumed that Mr. Gibbons had authority, and the appeal must therefore be dismissed.

Lord Justices Buckley and Phillimore concurred. The appeal was accordingly dismissed, without costs.

MUSICIANS' STRIKE.

Arising out of the strike of the orchestra at the New Middlesex Theatre of Varieties, Drury-lane, in December, the New Middlesex Theatre of Varieties, Limited, of which Mr. Oswald Stoll is managing director, sued 16 members of the orchestra for damages for breach of contract and general damages at the Westminster County Court on Wednesday.

Mr. Harold Morris, who appeared for the plaintiffs, said that since October there had been trouble at the Middlesex Theatre of Varieties with regard to the question of wages, and also the employment of non-union members in the orchestra. The wages question was settled, but on Dec. 12, just before the first house commenced, the orchestra, which numbered 19, refused to play unless the trombone player, Wood, who was not a member of the Amalgamated Musicians' Union, was discharged. The manager refused to send Wood away, and pointed out that the man had already been paid for that night's work, and that they had also received increased wages. The men, however, refused to play and left, and the only musical accompaniment to the programme, which consisted of a French revue, was a piano, the pianist having to be paid 10s. 6d. A scratch orchestra was engaged for the second house, but the musicians were paid extra. Wood, said counsel, was a member of the Musicians' Association.

Mr. Harry Garnham, manager of the Middlesex, and Mr. Alfred Dove, musical adviser to Mr. Stoll, bore out counsel's statement.

Mr. W. E. P. Done, who appeared for 14 of the defendants, said he could not contest the claims for the return of the night's wages, but declared that the amount of general damages must depend upon the contract wages paid and the market price being paid at that time.

Deputy-Judge Sinclair said plaintiffs were entitled to recover the Saturday night's wages. They were also entitled to the difference of the contract wages and the wages paid to the substitutes for a fortnight. With regard to the question of general damages, the plaintiffs must have sustained damage. He gave judgment for £1 against each of the 14 defendants—the other two being under notice to leave at the time—for general damages. He also ordered the return of the night's wages and ordered the defendants to pay the difference between the amount of their wages and the amount of the wages paid to the substitutes, and ordered the payment of the costs to be divided among them.

MUSIC HALL LADIES' GUILD.

The committee thank the Sisters Macarte for collecting £2 3s. 6d., and Mrs. Charles Osborn for men's clothes. Left-off clothing is always very welcome. Every week the Guild has so many calls upon their store that it is naturally getting very low. We are sure the hint will not be lost on our readers.

Mr. Max Contle is producing at the Grand Theatre, Manchester, on Monday, May 11, a powerful dramatic sketch, written by Mr. Wm. Robertson, and entitled "The Angels' Serenade."

Visitors to Buxton Gardens all the world over will read with regret of the death of Mr. Wm. Day, which took place on Thursday after undergoing an operation for a throat affection. His all-round urbanity was well known, and many will cherish the knowledge of his personal acquaintance. His interest in the children was very marked. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at Buxton Cemetery.

MISS NORA DELANY.

"THE GIRL IN THE UNIFORMS."

"From telephone girl to principal boy within four years, that is the story of my career," said Miss Nora Delany when "The Era" man asked the charming comedienne for a few personal particulars at the Victoria Palace recently.

"It was in 1909," went on Miss Delany, "that I resigned my position at the Manchester telephone exchange to join the chorus of 'Dick Whittington' at Croydon. At the conclusion of the pantomime season I made my variety debut at the Empress, Brixton, as a single Dutch turn. I'm afraid I was not particularly successful on that occasion, and it was not until some time afterwards that I reappeared as a ballad singer at the Easton. On the strength of that engagement I was booked to play second boy in the next Sunderland pantomime. It was in this production that I first wore a uniform. I have always appeared in some uniform or other ever since, and, as you know, I am now described as 'The Girl in the Uniforms.' Singularly enough, my progress in vaudeville has been pleasantly rapid since I established a personality in this manner.

"The following Christmas," Miss Delany went on, "I played second boy at the Marlborough, and at Christmas, 1912, I played principal boy in 'Aladdin' at the Kennington. I have only just concluded my pantomime engagement as principal boy at the Shakespeare, Liverpool, and next season I am booked to fill a similar rôle in the Theatre Royal, Birmingham, production.

"What are my variety arrangements in the mean-



MISS NORA DELANY.

time? Well, by the last post I received two new songs from Bennett Scott, and I think everyone will be pleased with them when they hear them. At the present moment I am singing 'Who's your lady friend?' and 'All the girls are lovely by the seaside.' Harry Fragon gave me permission to sing both these numbers some time previous to his awful death.

Miss Delany took part in no fewer than fifty-two charity matinees during her last pantomime engagement. Miss Delany, too, has been a most energetic worker on behalf of the Topsy Sinden fund.

WILLESDEN HIPPODROME.

Miss Alice Raymond is to be congratulated on the excellence of her act and her choice of artistes. The company numbers five ladies and four gentlemen, musicians in every sense of the word, and Mr. Enrico Altani, a tenor. In the first scene Miss Raymond rendered an excellent cornet solo which brought forth rounds of applause. In the second scene Mr. Enrico Altani's splendid tenor voice was heard to advantage in "Sunshine and Roses," and he was ably accompanied by the company. The third scene was perhaps the best, being the interior of the Cathedral at Rome. Here Miss Raymond gave a French horn solo, "The Rosary," which, combined with an organ accompaniment, and Mr. Altani's singing, was much appreciated. This scene was concluded by a capital rendering by the company and Mr. Altani of "The Pilgrim's chorus," from Tannhäuser. The lighting effects in this scene were especially good. Scene four, representing the Desert on the Nile, served to introduce a member of the company, whose name was not given, in a well executed obse solo, "A Dervish chorus." The company concluded the last scene with a variety of tunes, ranging from "Lohengrin" to ragtime. The setting of the act and the arrangement of the music by Mr. Elliott Smith left nothing to be desired, and Miss Raymond and her company had an enthusiastic reception from a full house on Monday evening.

"ANOTHER BANNED POSTER."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ERA.
SIR,—Re "Another Banned Poster." Some years ago Nottingham "banned" a six-sheet pictorial when I was advance agent for a musical comedy company. I paid a week's rent for an empty shop in Long-row, cleaned the windows, put my panel in the window, suitably headed and dated, locked the door, key in my pocket, advertised in local paper "banned" poster was on view at Long-row. All the girls and boys went to see it, and on Sunday six boys in blue were helping me boom my show. I was there with throwaways, and we opened well. I did the same in Glasgow. These were the only two towns on 36 weeks' tour where this "panel" was banned, and I was sorry not to have some more fun elsewhere.

I think the title "A Year in an Hour" is more suggestive than the easy position of the lady's legs. For many years this title has been on a very old framed "day bill" in Messrs. Blackmore's office, and whilst there waiting for "a shop" I have often thought what an excellent title it is. I enclose my card.—Faithfully yours,
DAVID TYLER.

Miss Alice Wells writes: "I quite fail to see any suggestiveness in the banned poster myself, nor can, to my thinking, any other right-minded person. I wonder in what position the Chief Constable of Nottingham generally sits? It is my own favourite attitude when reading."

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SPORTING NOTES.

BY SANTOL.

Most of us go to Lincoln in a spirit of curiosity, and it is as well, perhaps, that the first days of the flat-racing season are not taken seriously. I suppose ten times the sums that were betted at Lincoln on Monday change hands in a single afternoon at Sandown or Kempton. If you doubt it ask any leading bookmaker in Tattersall's. The horses are generally moderate, most of them palpitably unfit, particularly this year owing to the abnormal rainfall in the early part of March, and the consequent impossibility of sharpening them up. Yet the Lincolnshire Handicap still retains its vitality. It is the first big handicap of the season, and for that reason and the wide public interest which it possesses it stands out as one of the leading events of the year.

Lincolnshire Handicap winners, however, don't often have much to do with futurity. Class is not an essential to success in this race. It is condition, and that being so, you could count on the fingers of one hand the real factors in to-day's celebration of the handicap. The early favourites, one and all, have been found wanting when put to the test. There was Cuthbert, albeit there are people who regard him as a sort of Jekyll and Hyde, and who hold that the sunny side of his character is only revealed in real action. In support of this contention they cite his victory in the Houghton Handicap last autumn, when he "shopped" his connections after performing execrably on the training ground, by running a good horse under silk. Berrillon has been badly beaten by moderate horses in trials, Bonbon Rose, and one or two others who were accorded some prominence in the early weeks of the year.

Tuxedo is looked upon as a reasonably good thing down Whatcombe way, but even more pronounced is the confidence in Brancepeth. The market career of this candidate during the past week would make a capital plot for a sporting novel. A well-known bookmaker, whose connection with Hogg's stable is quite well known, made an ostentatious demonstration against Brancepeth at the Victoria Club "call over" last Monday week, and succeeded in getting the gelding knocked out to "forties." It was then stated in various quarters that Brancepeth would not run. The originators of this canard were guessing, of course, but the line they took proved of invaluable service to the Brancepeth people, for it helped them to get all their money on at zero rates.

That being accomplished, it was in the interests of the stable to get Brancepeth to the shortest odds possible in order that the long price wagers might be hedged. Brancepeth is now first favourite for the Lincolnshire Handicap, and but for the continued support of Tuxedo he would figure at absurdly short odds. I have not the full story of Brancepeth's trial, but have it on high authority that if he runs up to within 1lb. of it he can't be beaten. Hogg, the trainer, has got him back to his very best form, and of course, on that he would represent an even money chance in this year's Lincolnshire at 7st. 4lb. The Happy Warrior trial did not come off, and Mr. J. B. Joel is running Spanish Prince and Blue Stone on the off-chance. Aghdoo is genuinely fancied, and Cigar very much indeed particularly since the easy victory of Turbulence on Monday, for Turbulence was one of his examiners. The Cigar people fear Brancepeth only. Prevoyant has been backed, and I expect to see

him run forward and then win the Newbury Cup. Newbury is his favourite course. All things considered, I shall declare for BRANCEPETH.

With apologies for putting up a favourite. In this instance, however, it would be false ambition to attempt a long shot to beat him. Tuxedo is my next best.

Newbury told us nothing at all concerning Ballyhackle. He was never near enough to the leaders in the Trial Steeplechase last Thursday to judge. He might run a very different horse at Liverpool. Still, I shall chance it, and drop him in favour of the horses which bore the brunt of the battle in this trial steeplechase—Liston and Couvrefeu II. However did Liston come to be beaten by Rory O'Moore at Sandown last month? He strolled home at Newbury after jumping every fence faultlessly. Couvrefeu, too, fenced superbly, and Mr. Jack Anthony, who rode him, believes that his mount will outstay Liston at Aintree. I hold the opposite view. Liston finished perfectly fresh, and I believe he could have gone as far again without being unduly distressed. Latture III. has started work again, and the Frenchmen are still hopeful, while Woodland and Gore declare that Couvrefeu will win as easily as he did last year. They can have but small respect for handicapping. Couvrefeu is the worst handicapped horse I can remember in a Grand National. Sunloch, who presents the other extreme in the matter of handicapping, jumps like a stag, and they say he can stay for ever. I am going to couple

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With the advent of flat racing, the approach of the Derby, and the publicity given to Continental drawings owing to recent repressive measures in the Canton of Geneva, the sweepstake craze is aflame again. Numerous inquirers are anxious to know how they may participate in the famous Calcutta Turf Club Derby draw. Well, I may say that the general public is now excluded from this enterprise. In fact, tickets are not now obtainable at any price. In any case, a cut in a long way off, and aspirants to sudden wealth would save themselves unnecessary exertion if they addressed their inquiries to Mr. Hammond, of Weggis, Switzerland, the bank side of whose Derby promotion I can vouch for. There are many "sooty" sweeps, of course, but this one happens to be O.K. in all essentials.

SELECTIONS.

The Lincoln Plate to-day ought to be a fairly good thing for SAUND LATH, who has been tried useful, PICTAVIA will about win the Doddington

Plate, and if SAVANNAH SIMONS misses the engagement, Amor the Kesteven Plate.

At Liverpool on Thursday back MUTTON CUTLER for the Stand Weiler, SCOTCH DUKES may win the Hyton Handicap, and RAWAL FINDI the Union Jack Stakes. The Bickerstaffe Stakes on Friday is good for TRINITY SQUARE, who will be better remembered as the Lady Tertius colt. HODHAM should take the Knowsley Plate, and VALCUTTER the Bridgeman Handicap. On Saturday back Moseoro for the Liverpool Hurdle (Duller rides), Woodwind may win the Earl of Sefton's Handicap, and Uuri the Tyro Plate.

"The Woman Again," a one-act play, by Charles W. Dockray, was produced at the Pictorium Theatre, Ammanford, on March 14.

The Victoria Theatre, Broughton Bridge, Salford, has been run by Messrs. J. P. Moore and Montague Beaudyn as a cinema for a long time with much success, under the management of Mr. Arthur Collingwood, but this week they are presenting there Will Perkins and Chas. Kaszac's pantomime, "Dick Whittington," and intend to have occasional weeks of the drama.

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Structural details of the new theatre appeared in the "Variety Gossip" last week, but it is to be noted further that the architect has been well looked after in this direction. There are eleven dressing-rooms, each supplied with hot water pipes, and fitted with gas and electric light, and lavatory basins with hot and cold water. On each floor of the dressing-rooms there is a separate auxiliary emergency exit.

The inauguration ceremony was performed by Mrs. Francis Laidlier, the wife of the managing-director of the Alhambra Company, a small number of friends assembling in the vestibule of the theatre to witness the event.

Miss Olive Laidlier handed her mother a golden key, with which Mrs. Laidlier unlocked one of the doors, and the company entered the Alhambra, proceeding to the luxurious circle buffet, where the reception was held and the future prosperity of the venture was cordially toasted.

At three o'clock a large number of invited guests were entertained. Musical selections were played by the Alhambra orchestra, and the opportunity was taken of explaining the future policy of the Alhambra and of displaying the new stage scenery.

Mr. Francis Laidlier, who was received with acclamation, told how the new Alhambra had originated about a year ago. He then held the opinion that if he didn't take steps towards the building of a new music hall in Bradford somebody else would. They would have the best talent to occupy the stage, and with that idea he approached Mr. de Frece, the managing-director of the Variety Theatres Controlling Company, to ask him to join him in the booking arrangements.

He, together with Mr. Hepworth and himself, were the directors of the Alhambra. Mr. Laidlier added that the building was one of the finest halls in the country, embracing as it did all the latest ideas in seating and other arrangements.

Mr. Paul Murray, of the Variety Theatres Controlling Company, declared that they would provide only one class of entertainment—the very best, and as far as possible novelty would be supplied to the patrons.

Mr. Percival Craig, the manager of the Bradford Empire, was called on for a speech. Mr. Craig said that it only remained for the public to open their pockets a little wider and to support both himself and Mr. Laidlier, between whom, he assured them, friendly relations existed.

Mr. William C. Lupton made a brief speech as "one of the oldest theatre-goers in Bradford." This new house, he said, would increase the prestige of the music hall in the North of England. He praised Mr. Laidlier as one who had done much to raise the tone of amusements in Bradford, and in congratulating him expressed the hope that the public would do everything they could to support the new venture.

The house was opened to the public on Monday evening, Wylie and Tate's revue, "A Year in an Hour," topping a very strong bill.

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Mr. Tom Clare, whose name was not in the programme, spread the contagion of merriment by a clever satire at the piano of "The Ideal Home," one of the advantages of which was that it had pipes laid on to the brewery. He evoked roars of laughter again by his description of a series of motor mishaps, the humorous verses enumerating the many disasters being set to the melodies of well-known songs. Mr. F. Langton Marks' "Tit-bits at the piano" formed a fund of amusement; and Mr. S. D. Stevenson's principal song at the same instrument roused the vocalists at the back of the hall to more or less harmonious efforts, which became stentorian when Miss Mabel Gorfrey gave out with the true rag-time emphasis that epoch-making ditty, "You made me love you." Mr. Stanley Collins—a prince in the realms of hanky-panky—found apparently a small fortune in the air, and showed us how easy it is to smooth out Gordian or other knots. Stanley had an excellent fund of patter. Among the younger vocalists Mr. Charles Coney distinguished himself in the song "Tantie," displaying a pretty tenor voice which will be heard to greater advantage later.

As the festive curate with a keen appreciation of the little weaknesses of his flock, Mr. Harry Hall kept his hearers in throes of laughter. Mr. Arthur Blount, sporting one of the most bizarre costumes it has been our privilege to come across, extracted much comic material from his song, "In my book," with the happiest results. The charming soprano of Miss Nellie Bear was heard with pleasure in "The ball at the great St. James," which she sang artistically. A variation was given to the programme by Miss Ethel Ramsey, who delivered with intensity "A Venetian Revenge," a story of a jilted daughter of the South, with the fire of love in her heart, who renders dramatic justice to her betrayer. Mr. S. F. Robins gave liberally of his apparently unlimited supply of children stories, and essayed a couple of character studies, the latter embracing Uriah Heep and Sweeney, for which he adopted a startling make-up. Mr. Robins has a strong voice and abundant energy at his command, and in the Du Maurier impersonation he used both without stint. Miss Flossie Collinge, a dainty comedienne, sang vivaciously of "Timothy Green." Miss Dorothy Goldston, who made an ambitious selection in those exquisite songs, "The valley of laughter" and "Melisande in the woods," sang with no lack of confidence; Mr. Arthur Strike used a rich baritone agreeably in "The floral dance"; Mme. Mary Derrick sang with feeling and expression "My ain folk" and "Friend o' mine"; and Miss Lee Laurie contributed "Innocent Beanie Brown." A full measure of praise is due to Miss Dora Clare, who accompanied admirably at the piano.

A very interesting and enjoyable act was submitted last week at this house by the Tannars, a company of five (two ladies and three gentlemen). Their performance is a musical one, embracing a number of different instruments, on all of which they proved themselves to be very accomplished performers. The concluding feature of the show was a spirited performance of the "Caliph of Bagdad" overture on xylophone, a small set of marionette figures at the back of the stage causing a good deal of amusement by the manner in which they imitated the movements of the actual artistes. A very cordial reception was accorded at the close, and the show should become popular.

The many artistes who know Mr. Sam Rogan, the stage-manager of the Empress, Brixton, will be gratified to learn that his health is now vastly improved.

The departure of Mr. Norman Gray, manager of the Empire Palace, Risleigh, for the past two-and-a-half years, was the occasion of a display of good feeling, in which all classes joined, in the Town Hall, Risleigh, on Wednesday, the 18th, when a purse of gold and an illuminated address were presented to him.

SONGS, WRITERS, AND SINGERS.

In the new revue, by John P. Harrington and Alec Hamley, "Chase Me," which Mr. George Ray is producing at the Islington Empire on Monday next, no fewer than seven of the Star Company's numbers will be specially featured, viz., "Comets" and "There's a great big puff-puff" steaming along to me," sung by Miss Gladie Vaughan; "Little maid of Switzerland," sung by Miss Daphne Dare; "In Japanese butterfly land," sung by Miss Patti Felham; "How do you do, my little revue girl?" and "Oh, Ma'm'zelle Ju-li-a!" sung by Mr. Frank E. McVillie; and "Beauty of the Guards," sung by Mr. Hal Russ.

Miss Jen Latona, who is at the Hippodrome, Manchester, this week, has made a sensational success with Paul Felham and J. P. Long's "I'll make you want me," and also made good with the same author and composer's rollicking song, "Do they all go to see the sea?" Both numbers are published by the ubiquitous Star Company.

The successful revue, "Splash Me," which is at the Palladium this week, bristles with Star songs, such old favourites as "Popey Wokey," "Everybody's doing it at the seaside," and "Everybody loves a jolly sailor," being reinforced by A. J. Mills and Maurice Scott's fine new number, "Take me for a joy ride."

Mr. Wilkie Bard's success at the Palace, Shaftesbury-avenue, with George Arthur and Worton David's two great comedy numbers, "Chrysanthe-

AMUSEMENTS IN MANCHESTER.

THEATRE ROYAL.—L. The United Theatres Co., Ltd.; M. D. Mr. John Hart; A. M. Mr. Edmondson Shirra. Always welcome to Manchester audiences, the D'Oyly Carte Repertory Opera Company opened here on Monday with "The Mikado." A sparkling performance was given, with many old favourites in the cast, including Mr. Fred Billington as Pooch-Bah, Mr. Henry A. Lytton as Ko-Ko, and Mr. Leicester Tunks as the Mikado; while the three wards were engagingly impersonated by Miss Clara Dow, Miss Beatrice Borer, and Miss Nancy Hay, and Miss Louise Rene gave a capital rendering of Katisha. A newcomer in Mr. Frederick Hobbs, who played Pish-Tush with vocal distinction. The same artist appeared to advantage on Tuesday as the Duke of Plaza-Toro in "The Gondoliers," in which Miss Hilda Cross, along with Miss Beatrice Borer as Tosca, played Gianetta, in conjunction with Messrs. Dewey Gibson and Leicester Tunks as Marco and Giuseppe respectively; while Mr. Fred Billington made his usual hit as Don Alhambra. The opera for to-night is "Lo anthe," and for Friday evening "Patience," the interesting performances, including two repeats of "The Mikado" and a matinee of "The Gondoliers." The company is here for three weeks.

PRINCE'S THEATRE.—P. The United Theatres Co., Ltd.; M. D. Mr. John Hart; A. M. Mr. George Lee. Mr. James Welch is once more entertaining Manchester audiences here in his evergreen farce, "When Knights Were Bold," his principal lady on this occasion being Miss Isla Glynn in the role of Lady Rowena. The piece is preceded by "Mille's Mother," a one-act play by Frank Howell Evans.

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mums" and "The wriggly rag," beggars description, and the Star Company are to be congratulated on having secured our premier comedian's two excellent character studies for publication.

Mr. Jay Laurier, who is at the Palladium this week, has a wonderfully successful offering in his "Sticks and stones," by Bert Lee and Tony Lloyd, which did yeoman service for comedians in so many pantomimes recently. This is yet another of the Star Company's successful publications.

That the life of the Star Company's premier ballad, "When love creeps in your heart," by A. J. Mills and Bennett Scott, will be long in the land is made manifest by the number of fore-front artistes, who, like Miss Eris Greene, still continue to make this the chief item in their repertoires. As a seaside offering, this should be the ballad par excellence.

Berry, the little son of Carlotta Levey, will be at Sanger's Circus, Margate, this coming summer, under the tutelage of dear old Johnny Watson. He will appear at matinees only, as he is only ten.

Mr. Edward P. de Levants. — The fare here is "The Marriage of Kitty," which is very brightly played by a company that includes Mr. Norman V. Norman as Sir Reginald Belsize and Miss Beatrice Wilson as Kitty. The comedy is preceded for three nights by a dramatic episode, "The Open Question," and on the remaining three nights by a short play, entitled "After Twenty Years," by Cecily Hamilton, in which the authoress herself is to appear.

EMPIRE.—M. D. Mr. Oswald Stoll; A. M. Mr. Horace Cocks. A popular programme here includes G. H. Elliott, the favourite comic comedian; Sam Liebert, in "After the Wedding"; Olive and Bunney; Ryan and Tierney; Winifred Ward; the Great Wieland; Emily Hayes; Carney and Sharpe; Kathleen O'Hanlon; and Karl Rivkin.

HIPPODROME.—P. The Manchester Hippodrome and Ardwick Empire, Ltd.; M. D. Mr. Oswald Stoll; R. M. Mr. Horace Cole; Asst. M. Mr. Fred C. Brooks; Mus. D. Mr. Alfred Haine. Several notable turns are provided here this week. Mrs. Langtry (Lady de Bath) tops the bill in a new one-act playlet, entitled, "Ashes," a full notice of which appears on another page; Mme. Karina, the premier Danish dancer, presents a delightful dance-poem, "The Colour of Life"; Maie Ash and Fred Allandale, as usual, are good in the musical interlude, "The Soldier and the Girl"; and Jen Latona makes a big hit in all her latest songs. Other attractions are

Margaret Linnay, a charming musical comedy actress; Ray and Zack, juvenile duo, in comedy; and Nathal.

TIVOLI THEATRE OF VARIETIES.—P. and P. The Tivoli (Manchester), Ltd.; M. Mr. Arthur Trussell; Mus. D. Mr. Leo T. Croke. — O. Hans San and company top the bill here in "The Light Side of Japan," a highly successful turn; Spry and Monti are particularly good in "The Erratic Song Writer"; Alanson presents an interesting electrical specialty act; and Bert Legwood and May Norell, the Australian entertainers, are good in a comedy interlude. Other smart turns are those of Aubrey Standing, operatic tenor; Wal Croft, supported by Kathleen Naughton, in Scotch character sketch, "The Last Roll Call"; Mile. Cameo in artistic posing; and Dolly Vinton, vocal comedienne and specialty dancer; pictures complete.

NEW PALACE.—M. D. Mr. Walter de Frece; M. Mr. Alan W. Young; S. Mr. Jesse Hewitt; Mus. D. Mr. T. M. Gages. — The fine programme here includes Ella Retford, the "modern girl"; Eugene Stratton, in old and new successes; Fred Emney and Miss Sydney Fairbrother in "A Sister to Assist 'Er"; Sheila O'More and company in a thrilling character sketch; Bertram Banks, imitator of children; Frank Wilson, cycle expert; Maximo as an inebriate on the wire; Gray and Graham, "The Musical Bell Boy"; and the Four Its, vocalists and dancers.

HUME HIPPODROME.—P. Messrs. W. H. Broadhead and Son; E. A. M. Mr. Fred Dry; Mus. D. Mr. Harry Walker. — The programme here is headed by Bessie Brenne in her Silhouette scene, assisted by Walter Erard at the piano; and Ida Barr, comedienne. Other smart items are offered by Dooly and Wright, comedy duo; the famous Fuji Family Japanese equilibrist; De Gros Trio, comedy gymnasts; George Benson, mimic; Harry Shaw, comedian, in song and patter; Little Eity Howard, in impersonations of music hall stars; and Colbert, club and hoop specialist.

METROPOLE THEATRE.—P. Messrs. W. H. Broadhead and Son; A. M. Mr. Edward M. Hamilton. — The American cowboy actor, George A. Street, is appearing here this week, with a strong cast, in the thrilling Western melodrama, "The Cattle Thief," written by himself. The play is well staged, and introduces various interesting specialties.

ROYAL OSBORNE THEATRE.—P. Messrs. W. H. Broadhead and Son; A. M. Mr. J. Brinley; Joseph Millane's striking monoplan drama, "Queen of the Air," by Edward Thane, is the attraction here this week. A full-sized British monoplan is one of the sensations introduced, and an able interpretation of the play includes strong impersonations by Miss Mabel Rose as Rose Vibart, Mr. Victor Rae as Raja Khan, and Mr. John S. Millward as Jack Harding.

QUEEN'S PARK HIPPODROME.—P. Messrs. W. H. Broadhead and Son; A. M. Mr. C. W. Meek; Billy Williams, the comedian in the velvet suit, is a big turn here this week. Other prominent features are Edna Latonne, male impersonator; and Anna Hanna, the entertaining American girl; while interesting contributions are added by Ernest M. Hargreaves, ballad vocalist; Martin Conway, comedian; Hardene and Mostford, in comedy and song; George Bass, comedian; the Paldrens, the lamp jumpers; and the Leigh Brothers, in "Fun in a Pool Room."

ALHAMBRA THEATRE, OPENSHAW.—M. D. Mr. H. D. Moorhouse; M. Mr. Arthur S. Evans; S. Mr. W. Froggott; Mus. D. Mr. J. Harney. — Mr. Arthur Shirley's play, "The White Slaves of London," is the attraction here twice nightly. The play, well acted, staged, and mounted, is followed with much interest.

KING'S LONGSIGHT.—P. Messrs. W. H. Broadhead and Son; A. M. Mr. Jas. R. Trippett; Asst. M. Mr. M. Meade. — Mr. Charles Harrington's domestic play, "Why He Divorced Her," is drawing good houses here.

Mr. Albert Chevalier is at Tottenham Palace this week, and was, on Monday night, somewhat anxious as to how his performance would appeal to the habitués of this house. Of course, he had a tremendous reception, such as can be commanded by no great an artist, no matter what audience he plays to.

Mr. George W. Perry, the popular manager of the Tottenham Palace, returned to his duties last week—happily recovered from a short, but severe, illness. On the Friday he celebrated his 40th birthday, and was the recipient of a handsome solid silver cigar case, presented to him quite informally by a few of the many friends he has made in the suburb. It is suitably inscribed, but Mr. Perry is—if anything—still more proud of the letter accompanying the gift, being signed by some dozen or so of the leading inhabitants of the district.

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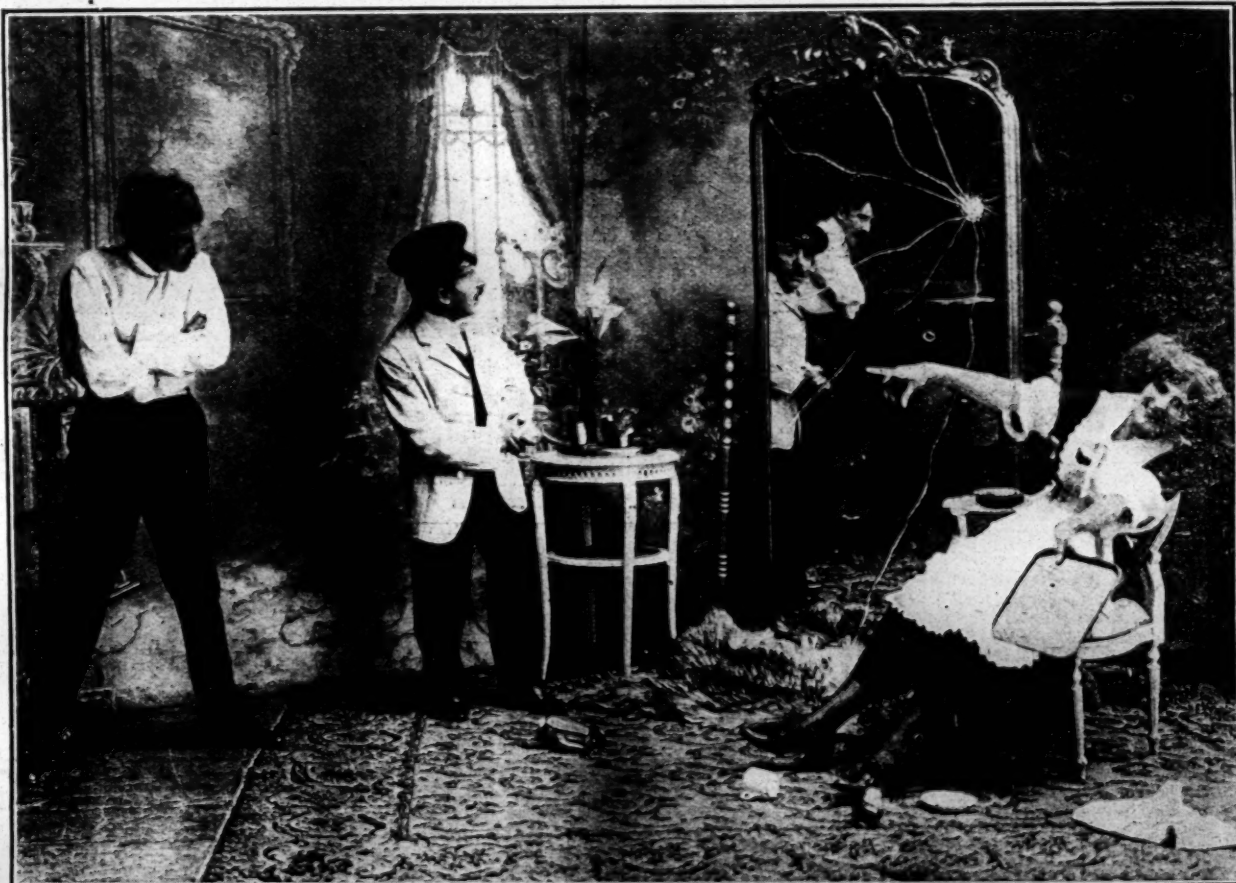
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AMUSEMENTS IN GLASGOW.

THEATRE ROYAL.—M. D. Messrs. P. W. Wyndham and Geo. T. Minshull; B. M. Mr. Harry P. Ashton.—This week: Miss Horniman's company is paying a visit here with two plays new to Glasgow viz. "The Shadow" by Edna Philipps and "Jane Clegg" by St. John G. Ervine. They opened in the former on Monday to an appreciative audience, who heartily enjoyed the clever story and telling dialogue. Miss Christie Lane is good as the girl Foster, over whose life hangs "the shadow"; and Mr. Julius Shaw made a fiery and impetuous lover. Miss Dorothy Hick gave a clever picture of the stately Nancy Oaker; Miss Lucy Beaumont was well suited as Sarah Dumbly; Mr. Charles Groves gave his ripe experience to the part of William Gay; the mystic Thomas Turtle was ably acted by Mr. Ernest Haines; Mr. Bernard Copping as Elias Waycott completed a good cast. The play was preceded by "A Question of Property" by J. Charles Martin, in which Messrs. Charles Groves, Ernest Haines, Lionel Briggs and Bernard Copping, with Miss Dorothy Hick, were one and all excellent.

KINGS.—M. D. Messrs. Fred W. Wyndham and Geo. T. Minshull; B. M. Mr. Hugh Macfarlane.—King's Theatre patrons are having an opportunity of testing the criticism lately given of "Who's the Lady?" coming direct from the London Garrick. The central figure, Gobette, is taken by Miss Andie Mielly, in the portrayal of which she scored a distinct triumph. The capable cast sent on tour by Mr. Louis Meyer also includes Mr. George Bealby in the character of Gaudel, which suits him admirably both in voice and figure; Mr. Metcalfe as Marlowe also creates a favourable impression; Mr. Charles Troode as Octavius Reemund is admirable in his part; while Mr. W. W. E. Richardson in the part of Mr. Tricoinie assisted with the other members of the company in making this visit an unqualified success.

ROYALTY.—Sub-L. The Scottish Playgoers, Ltd.; M. D. Mr. Oswald R. Dawson.—This week: The repertory company is seen in the only triple bill of the present season. It consists of two plays by Mr. Bernard Shaw, and one by a Scottish author, Mr. J. A. Ferguson, viz. "The Man of Destiny." Mr. Brember Willis appears no pains in giving a lifelike study of Napoleon at the age of 27, valuable support being rendered by Miss Douglas Vigors (Liggett), Charles E. M. (Glen), and Miss Beatrice Smith as the Lady. The other Shavian play, "How He Lied to Her Husband," is capably interpreted by Mr. Frank Darch as He, Miss Margaret Yarde as She, and Mr. Charles R. Stone in the part of Her Husband. Mr. Ferguson's Scotch historical play, "Campbell of Kilmore," is in one act, dealing with the romantic life of a period, and will be fully described next week.

PRINCESSES.—P. Mr. Rich Waldon; A. M. Mr. Hugh Murdoch; M. D. Mr. Henri Vollmer.—"Tommy Tucker," the record pantomime, is now in its last week. On Thursday Mr. Waldon has arranged special attractions for his anniversary night.

METROPOLE LTD.—M. D. Mr. Arthur Jefferson; R. M. Mr. Amand Mascard.—This week's attraction at the Metropole is Mr. Herbert Fuller's company in "Motherless."

EMPIRE.—P. Moss' Empires, Ltd.; R. M. Mr. G. Rhodes Parry; A. M. Mr. Robt Harvey; M. D. Mr. Wm. B. Moore.—A condensed version of "Keep Smiling" is presented here, written by M. Andre Charlot. The cast, which is a very strong one, includes Miss Lou Valli and Mr. Bertie Wright in the principal parts; whilst Misses Hilda Stuart, Kitty Edwards, Lillian Davies, and Messrs. Frank Attree, Paul England, James Davis, and Harry Johnson, with the Eight Saxones and a chorus of company of fifty make up the remainder of the performers. The variety programme proper is sustained by Doreen, the famous Indian violinist; Mart and Pop in a smart acrobatic tumbling act; Fred Elton's song-scene, "On Board an Ocean Liner"; and Edna Lyall a charming vocalist.

PAVILION LTD.—M. D. Mr. Evan M. Good; M. D. Mr. Robert F. Steele.—The top of the bill here is given to Miss Dorothy Ward and, needless to say, this great Glasgow favourite received a very gratifying reception. While Cullie added much to his already well-known reputation, and had to sing five songs before the audience were satisfied, while the efforts of Shaun Glenville met with due appreciation, his patter and funniness being first class. Other members of the company include such well-known artists as Billie Thorne and Jack Leopold, clever dancers and singers; Winnie Paget, the concertina queen; Bert Weston, "The Mat Man"; and Will Jack and Tig Bernhart, comedians.

PALACE.—P. A. M. Mr. Rich Waldon; G. M. Mr. Harry McKelvie.—"Charlie Mann and Bob Roberts," the successful attraction from the Alhambra, is now in its last week. In their amusing scene, "The Messenger Boys from Broadway" are a decided attraction here. Other notable turns are May Mars, the popular songstress, in her latest songs; and the Four Chorus in their variety interlude, "The Staircase of Teresichora" presented by Herbert La Martine. The programme also includes Phil Kaufman, song vocalist; Sisters Marion, duettists; Jack Clever, concertina specialist; Mavis and Whittle, comedians; and Fred Hutchings, comedian.

COLISEUM.—P. Moss' Empires, Ltd.; R. M. Mr. Gordon Jefferson; M. D. Mr. Henry Farmer.—Chief interest centres in a visit of Joe Pedern's company in a clever four-act comedy sketch, "The Hairdresser." The cast is a strong one, and includes Jimmy Learmouth, who keeps the audience in laughter from start to finish. Other members who acquit themselves creditably are Miss Rose Ralland and Mr. George Rickette. Another humorous playlet is that submitted by Jack Clifford and Co., entitled "A Good Idea; or, Daddy's Reform." Mr. Jas. Clifford as Jock McDougall is highly diverting; the rôle of Bella, his wife, is admirably sustained by Miss Carrie Henderson; while Jack Clifford acts the part of Uncle Tom with distinction. Nightingale and Stigant create roars of laughter in their dialogue, "Two Sides of a Wall." Lecardo Brothers, the tired bakers, are heartily received in daring acrobatic and tumbling items. J. H. Wakefield, corn delineator, in catchy numbers, scores heartily while his expert dancing is a special feature. Dion Wade, in song and story, had a flattering reception. Little Eva Dayne, a juvenile artist of more than ordinary merit, is well received in light comedy numbers; while the vocal contribution of Miss Isa Wise is much appreciated. Pictures conclude.

ALHAMBRA, LTD.—M. D. Mr. Alfred Butt; M. D. Mr. Edward Foster; M. D. Mr. Howard Orft.—Perry Roni's seven-act tango scene, "What About It?" is this week the principal attraction here. Two first-class artists who do exceedingly well are Mons. Foot-Gers, comedian and mimic; and Ada Jones, whose first appearance it is here. The comedy business of Gilbert Payne, the popular comedian, and Conn and Conrad, the silent burglars, so far towards making the entertainment the success it is.

WEST-END PLAYHOUSE, LTD.—M. D. Mr. Vincent Potter; M. D. Mr. Thomas Walker.—An attractive bill is this week headed by a comedy comic opera, "Venetia," presented by Sam Richards and Co. Daisy Morell, the popular comedienne, pleases in old and new successes. Valvero's electrical mechanical novelty portraying "A Naval Bombardment" is another enjoyable turn. Mr. and Mrs. Manning are responsible for a humorous dialogue, "Our Wedding Anniversary," while the Millwards feature a clever and amusing equilibrium act. Other artists who appear with success are Kate and Dorothy, in songs at the piano; Josephine Langley, a smart lady ventriloquist; and the Gallinos, in comedy musical and scenic transitions.

LYCEUM, LTD.—M. D. Mr. J. H. Oakden; M. D. Mr. E. Southworth.—The Gothams, the talented vocal comedians, top the bill this week with much success. Another turn that received a warm reception was the Harry Boys in their laughter-raising skit, "Ring the Bell, Rooley." The Lane and Dale Trio are eccentric cyclists of merit, and their comedy work is clever. A farcical sketch, "Dumbstruck," for which Ernest Whitmore, Douglas Howard, and Winifred Barton are responsible, provides excellent entertainment; while Ligeia Gordon is an able ventriloquist. In his scene, "A Carnival of Clubs," Leolin finds great favour; and others who sustain the excellence of this week's bill are Connie Laca, comedienne, and Buval, the happy Dutchman.

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QUEEN'S.—L. Mr. James Hamilton; M. Mr. J. Thomson; M. D. Mr. W. Milne.—This week (twice nightly): Mueller and Coyne, vocalists and dancers; Marie and Tony in song-scene, "The Soldier's Return"; and picture and his pantomimical Boors, Cash Chemists, 101, 103, 105, Sauchiehall-street.

AMUSEMENTS IN DUBLIN.

GAIETY THEATRE.—M. Mr. Chas. Hyland.—Much interest was taken in the first production here of "Mr. Wu." Mr. Louis Meyer has sent a very capable company, including William F. Grant, who gives a masterly interpretation of the name-part; Mr. Arthur S. Pitt and Mr. Bertram Burleigh; Miss Marion Broughton, Miss Haidée Gunn and Miss Iris Vandeleur are all very good.

THEATRE ROYAL HIPPODROME.—M. Messrs. Hamilton and Senior; M. D. Mr. John Moody.—The Scottish Players are presenting their delightful comedy sketch, "The Concealed Bed," here; the Harmony Four, in music and mirth, create roars of laughter; Dan Whitley, fresh from his pantomime success, has a gratifying reception; Holden's Mannikins are always popular; John and Lillian Grand, in a refined vocal act; Mona Vivian, a charming little mimic; Benson, a novel ventriloquist; and Rosie Pink, comedienne, make up a first-class programme.

EMPIRE THEATRE OF VARIETIES.—M. Mr. Arthur Armstrong; A. M. Mr. Kerr.—Bogart's Lunatic Bakers present a screamingly funny tumbling act; Tom Jones, the Welsh comedian, is highly original, and scores a big success; Williams and Wells are a bright and breezy duo, who dance excellently; Kitty Emsom sings sweetly; and a like remark applies to Cora Corina; others here are Al Bartley, comedian; David and Marriott, operatic duettists; and The Sisters.

TIVOLI THEATRE OF VARIETIES.—M. Mr. Chas. M. Jones; A. M. Mr. E. Murphy.—Solo is a highly original artist, and his pantomimical fooling is much enjoyed; Weston and Lynch, in a characteristic American act, are great favourites; Florence Sylvana, vocalist; Harry Balson, the harmonious blacksmith; Brizlee and his piccolo; Frank Melvin, Yorkshire comedian; Ken Kendrick, Russian dancer; and the Four Sisters, Henrique, a charming quartette of singers and dancers, complete.

QUEEN'S ROYAL THEATRE.—M. Mr. H. J. Baynton.—The Dandy Minstrels, in songs, mirth, and merriment, go through a highly entertaining performance, and are followed by a dramatic boxing sketch entitled "Foil'd," written and produced by Major M. F. McTaggart.

AMUSEMENTS IN NEWCASTLE.

THEATRE ROYAL.—L. Messrs. The Robert Arthur Theatre Co.; M. Mr. F. Teale Lingham.—Mr. G. Edwards' musical success, "The Girl from Utah," is the attraction here. Foremost in the strong cast is Mr. Louis Bradford, a great Novocastrian favourite. Miss Dora Dean plays the title rôle in a captivating fashion, and Miss Maud Harris is an admirable Dora; Mr. Harold Pearce and Mr. Edward D'Arcy (in the comedy parts) are other prominent figures in the company.

TYNE THEATRE AND OPERA HOUSE.—L. Messrs. Howard and Wyndham; M. Mr. Fred O. Sutcliffe.—Mr. Sydney James and his Strolling Players are here this week, and their entertainment is greatly enjoyed.

PALACE.—M. D. Mr. T. W. Rowe; M. Mr. E. B. Clark.—Mr. Arthur Hinton's company, "Allah's Orchard," is the attraction here. The company is a large one, and Mr. Hinton appears in the lead as John Waring, a good character study.

EMPIRE.—Res. D. Mr. Richard Thornton; M. Mr. J. W. Kilgour.—"Red Heads" is the attraction here this week. Mr. Sam Liebert, Mr. George Moore, and Miss Cordelia Haeyer, being in the principal parts.

HIPPODROME.—M. D. Messrs. Alfred Butt and Walter de Frece; M. Mr. W. Bobby.—The revue, "Go Ahead" is here, with Miss Edris Coombs in the principal part. Other turns are contributed by The Gilettes, in comedy act; the Plying Fishers, social performers; the Sisters Sprightly; Parkes and Price; and Tom Gullen.

PAVILION.—P. The City Variety Co., Ltd.—The Retter Bros., comedy acrobats; the Four Swifts, club comedians; Violet Bartie, instrumentalist; and Lily and Sadie, in vaudeville act; pictures complete.

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AMUSEMENTS IN NOTTINGHAM.

THEATRE ROYAL.—M. D. Mr. F. W. Wyndham; A. M. Mr. Howard Finney; M. D. Mr. John Armstrong.—Messrs. Vedrenne and Eadie's excellent company pay a welcome return visit with "Milestones," and has commanded good houses.

GRAND THEATRE.—M. Mr. J. Hague; M. D. Mr. Sydney Quinn.—Mr. Andrew Emm presents a capital company here in "It's Never Too Late to Mend."

EMPIRE.—P. Moss' Empires, Ltd.; A. M. Mr. A. H. Williams; M. D. Mr. W. L. Richards.—A specially attractive turn this week is the tabloid musical comedy, "Sweet Williams," presented by that clever comedian, Walter Passmore, who is excellently supported by Agnes Fraser and Johnny Danvers. A smart and humorous performance on the wire is given by the Three Meers; James Fawn's humorous ditties are very popular; lively entertainment is provided by the Piccadilly Troupe in "The Burglars of New York"; Edwin Lawrence, as "Scroggy," contributes a droll turn, and appreciated items are provided by Hunt and Thomas in a comedy dialogue; Martin and Lons, as juggling acrobats; Countess Clarz, comedienne; and Dave Bryant, comedian.

HIPPODROME.—M. D. Mr. T. Allan Edwards; A. M. Mr. Albert C. Duncan; A. M. Mr. Stanhope Butler; M. D. Mr. Charles Wright.—Herbert Darnley is an established favourite in Nottingham, and a hearty welcome was given him on Monday in his latest comedy sketch, "You Never Know." He was capably supported by Miss Wyn Blundell, George Hirst, and the famous Beauty Chorus. The Newhouse and Ward Trio contributed a smart and interesting cycling performance. Taylor's baboons, monkey, and dog actors were greatly enjoyed, and the programme was made further attractive by Louise and Bruno Pitrot; Hughes, Hughes, and Harlem; Ragolio; Hilda Mascot; and Dan Rodney.

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Owing to delay on the railway, "The Wee Girl" company were unable to appear on Monday at the Palace, Gloucester, as billed. The revue is under the management of Mr. George Barr.

At the Newcastle-on-Tyne County Court, on Wednesday last, March 19, two music hall artistes performing as Eleanor and Bertie were successful in a claim against John Thomson, proprietor of the Victoria Hall, Chopwell, in respect of a broken contract. The case was heard by Judge Greenwell.

The playlet, "Greater Love," by Mrs. Godfrey, presented last week at the South London, was originally known as "The Debt," and on its production in 1905 had as its principal interpreters, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maude (Miss Nancy Price). The piece has a strong dramatic grip, and in spite of some difficulties in the staging, went exceedingly well.

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THEATRE ROYAL.—L. & M. Portsmouth Theatres, Ltd.; G. M. Mr. Peter Davey, Mr. William Greet's Company, in "The Sign of the Cross," is here this week. Mr. Walter Fleet, Mr. Tom Giddie, Mr. R. Chapman.

KING'S THEATRE.—L. & M. Portsmouth Theatres, Ltd.; A. M. Mr. A. R. Houldens, who appears with his company in a new sketch entitled "Pinkie," a very amusing item. Miss Elsie Southgate, the well-known violinist, also appears, and renders several charming numbers with organ accompaniment. Miss Mildred Bryan, contra-voice, appears with marked success. Other turns are submitted by Les Zelovs, acrobatic equilibrist; John Pastor and Madge Marie, quaint humorists; Fred Wilson, musical act; Barlow and Brooks, duettists; and Frank Hartley.

NEW PRINCES THEATRE.—L. & M. Portsmouth Theatres, Ltd.; A. M. Mr. A. C. Johnston. "Fred Grenville's Productions, Ltd., present the drama, "Another Man's Wife," the characters in which are excellently portrayed by Mr. Wallace Court, Mr. Edwin George, Mr. Percy Wentworth, Mr. C. Wallace Black, Mr. Joe Oswald, Mr. W. O. Rossiter, Mr. Ambrose Pinder, Miss Phyllis Spalding, Miss Phyllis E. Elin, Miss Kitty Oswald, Miss Madeline Hurst, Miss Geraldine Verner.

HIPPODROME.—M. D. Mr. W. de Frece; R. M. Mr. Claude E. Marner. A good bill here includes Malcolm Scott, who has a great reputation, and Arthur Prince, an old favourite here. Viviana and Co. present a novel turn, entitled "The Toy Shop." Signor Torti, tenor vocalist, displays a powerful and well-trained voice. Other turns are Rose Wylie, comedienne and dancer, and Huey and Reni, comedians. Pictures of the Wells and Blake contest conclude.

COLISEUM.—M. D. Capt. W. Warren-Wright; A. M. Mr. C. Pratt. A specially strong bill is put forward this week, headed by the revue "Don't Crush," in which appear J. W. Gallagher, Sam Lockridge, and Maggie May. It is a well-staged production, and affords great amusement. The other turns are Moller's Midgits, Sam Hilton, comedian, and Kate Walters, and the pictures conclude.

AMUSEMENTS IN LEICESTER.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE.—Sole P. & M. Messrs. Milton Bode and Edward Compton; B. M. Mr. P. Allerton Turner; Mus. C. Herr Theo. Klee.—Patrons here are being well entertained this week by a first visit of Mr. Robert Courtneidge's excellent company in the musical comedy, "Princess Caprice."

THEATRE ROYAL.—Sole L. & M. Messrs. Milton Bode and Edward Compton; B. M. Mr. P. Allerton Turner; A. M. Mr. George F. Warwick; Mus. C. Mr. J. H. Vann.—A pleasing engagement is being filled here this week by Mrs. Frank Bateman's company in the drama, "Between Two Men."

PALACE THEATRE LTD.—M. D. Mr. Oswald Stoll; A. M. Mr. George F. Reynolds; Asst. A. M. Mr. W. P. Stewart; Mus. C. Mr. J. H. W. Lowe.—A big attraction is provided this week by Mr. August Hargrove's revue, "And Very Nice, Too!" a fine production, with a "crowd" of clever people. Duncan and Godfrey are repeating their usual success in the comedy, "The Coffer's Contraband"; and Miss Mabel Sinclair's remarkably smart ventriloquist show earns for her unqualified approbation. The Bros. Dene, being unable to appear owing to indisposition, George Crotty proves an efficient deputy.

PAVILION THEATRE.—P. Mr. Frank Macnaghten; B. M. Mr. Joseph Lawrence; Mus. C. Mr. Fred Britcher.—A good bill here includes Cliff Rouse, and Walker in an extremely musical comedy scene; Mary Stafford Smith and company, presented by Mr. Allan Leslie, in a strong coarser episode, "The Sneak Thief"; Lily Ash and Rose Alder, in a well-performed comedy dialogue, "The Lady and the Slavey"; Harry Chester, comedian, deputising for Tim Carlele; Day and Deen, original comedians, with the silent dance; Winnie Scaman, a clever child comedienne and dancer; and Lenn Lynn, in his novelty upside-down and ladder dancing act. Pictures complete.

EMPIRE.—Sole L. The New Bioscope Company; M. D. Mr. F. R. Griffiths; R. M. Mr. James Palmer.—Will Robins and pictures here this week.

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The White City, Birmingham, is being rapidly organised, and it is proposed to open the same at the end of May, or the first days in June. An excise licence has been granted for the Exhibition grounds, which will be managed by Mr. Arthur Ellis, who is well known on both continents. The grounds cover an area of 54 acres, and are well adapted for a White City and Pleasure Grounds.

VARIETY PARS.

Mr. Stuart Cleveland is in town again with his popular sketch "A Policeman and a Man." He is paying his third visit with the Policeman to the South London, and second to the Euston, scoring an unqualified success at both houses.

Mr. Will Terry writes:—"Be your notice of Marriot Edgar's 'Washing' scene. Last May Bruce Green and I wrote a 'Washing' scene entitled 'Washing Day,' which was produced by him at the Hippodrome, Devonport, on Oct. 27."

The Olga, Elgar and Eli Hudson trio has been increased to a quartette. The new member is a pretty little girl, a step-sister of Eli Hudson, who is joining him at the Birmingham Empire in a flute and 'cello duet.

"The Scarlet Rhapsody," Mr. A. Emmett Adams' artistic musical production, is at the Alhambra, Glasgow, next week. It has been achieving much success at both the Variety Controlling and the Gulliver tour, and opens the Syndicate Halls on July 20, at the Metropolitan.

At the Putney Hippodrome on Monday next will be seen an act entirely new to England—Mlle. La Frey and her Box of Chocolates. It includes two very clever toe-dancers, pupils of Miss Flo Martell, of the Empire. Mr. Lionel Wallace, of Blackmore's Agency, is Mlle. La Frey's business representative.

Miss Lillie Ansell will re-open at the Willesden Hippodrome on March 30 in her musical surprise, "The Dream Girl," with Benares Ansell, late of the March Hares. "The Dream Girl" has been revised by Oliphant Down, with music by Guy Stevens. The duet penned by Edgar Bateman and H. Greenfield, "I'd like to share my loneliness with you," is being retained.

The man, Richard Connor, of German nationality, who was found shot in the breast with a revolver at the Empire on Wednesday night, died on Friday at the Charing Cross Hospital. At the inquest on Monday the verdict of the jury was *felo de se*. His record showed that by shooting himself the deceased did the best thing possible.

Mr. G. P. Durham, the popular manager of the Rotherhithe Hippodrome, and himself the acme of courtesy to both Press and public, is to be congratulated on his booking next week of Mr. Joe Collins' new revue, "Can you beat this?" Local patrons remember Mr. Collins' recent pantomime at this house, and it is certain that Rotherhithe will turn up next week in large numbers.

Their Majesties, on leaving the Palladium after the main performance on the 17th, expressed their delight with the entertainment they had witnessed, and remarked that they hoped they would be able to visit the theatre again. The total handed over to the Chelsea Hospital for Women has reached two thousand pounds, which is considered very satisfactory. All concerned are to be congratulated.

Miss Clara Talbot (of Talbot and Pearce) underwent a successful operation on the 10th inst. The invalid is making rapid strides towards convalescence, and in another two weeks she hopes once more to be jumping "Over the Garden Wall."

Messrs. Jordan send us particulars of a new company, Will Gold-ton, Ltd., of 51, High-street, Bloomsbury-street, W.C., whose aim it is to establish in the United Kingdom or abroad the business of manufacturers, importers, and factors of conjuring tricks and stage illusions. The directors are Bert Feldman, Bennett Scott, and L. Stirling.

Willie Solar, the clever little American dancing comedian, who last week was appearing twice nightly in Manchester and rehearsing every morning at the London Coliseum for the new revue there, "Happy Days," is something like a worker, says the "Daily Sketch." He was only engaged on Saturday week for the star role, and, at such on Friday he showed me his 45-folio part and said: "I'm through with that now, thank heavens. I know all my lines—backwards." He has studied his part mainly in the 240 Euston to Manchester.

The Great Maurice, the world's famous card manipulator, who reached these shores last Friday aboard of the American liner, S.S. St. Paul, came direct from the States to Southampton. He has been touring over two years through all the countries of South and North America, with brilliant success. Maurice has received many letters of congratulation from leading personages in Argentina, Chili, and Brazil for his clever performance. Mr. Jack Goodson is representing him.

Miss Helen Brinckman, the well-known reciter, very kindly came down to the Music Hall Benevolent Institution at Twickenham last Thursday, and gave for the second time a most enjoyable series of recitations. The first section included excerpts from "Hamlet," given with much dramatic power, and to which the inmates listened with great interest. To show her versatility Miss Brinckman then essayed pieces in the lighter vein, and found her audience highly amused. A hearty vote of thanks was passed at the close of the entertainment.

"MY FANCY" AT HAMMERSMITH.

"How delightfully dainty and clever" was the remark heard at the close of "My Fancy's" new production, "A Study in Black and White," produced at the Hammersmith Palace on Monday evening. In an artistic setting of black and white draperies "My Fancy" makes her entrance, and in her first number her terpsichorean skill is at once exhibited. This item is a Scotch reel, and on Monday evening it earned for this clever lady loud applause. Her second number is quite original. Looking very lovely in an evening frock, she executes an intricate step-dance cleverly, the while tearing with her fingers an ornamental design on paper. Her third and last number, a sand dance at which, surely, "My Fancy" excels—is given in boy's costume, and very fascinating and sweet the dancer looks. The turn on Monday evening was loudly applauded, and after several calls the charming artiste had a special call in front of the curtain.

Mr. Wilkie Bard is also at Hammersmith Palace this week in "The Wiggly Rag" and "The Night watchman." His delightful humour and vagaries kept the whole house roaring on Monday evening, and we have no doubt he will be a big "draw" throughout the week. Dale and O'Malley would be well advised to get some fresh material—what they have is not only out of date, but not too humorous. Other turns in the current week's bill are: Velanche's Football Dogs, Fred Earle, Maud Manners, David Poole, Evelyn Taylor, Graeme Goring and company in "The Head of the House," and Burnell's Crazy Golfers.

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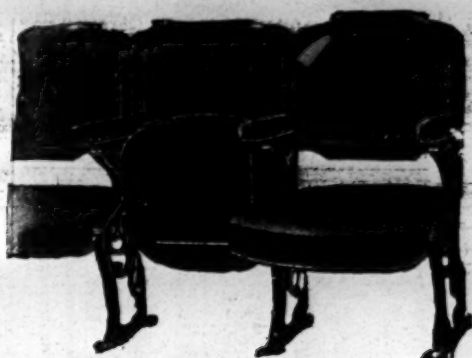
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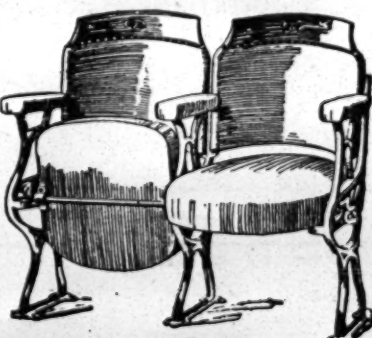
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"The Girl We Left Behind."

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Engagements of Artists are subject to cancellation if the following requirements are not observed:—

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(2) Artists must attend rehearsals, no deputies being accepted.

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OXFORD.

Rehearsal at 12
G. H. Chirgwin, Romain Noiset, Bell Hattons, H. J. Kieber, Nellie Wigley, Rauschle, Harry Webber, Haldee De Rance, Green and Wood, Phil B. ansby, Gintaro, Four Amara:tha, Kenna Bros., Malcolm Scott.

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CHELSEA.

Rehearsal at 12
Max and Moritz, Olga, Elgar and Eli Hudson, E. Rousby's Show, Stuart Cleveland and Co., Forest Tell, Dorothy Grey, Millie Payne, Harry Webber, Vera Moore, Bioscope.

EUSTON.

Rehearsal at 12
Olga, Elgar, and Eli Hudson, Ray and Zack, The Morandins, Will Van Allen, James Willard and Co., Arthur Leslie, Violet Black and Co., Doris Trevelyan, Katie Butler, Bioscope.

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Rehearsal at 12
Joe Peterman and Co., Harry M. Vernon's Co., Mollie Lind-ay & Co., E. H. Douglas, Doris Trevelyan, S Van Damme, Archie Pitt, Tom and Nell, Belle Mora, Bioscope.

WALTHAMSTOW PALACE.

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EAST HAM.

Rehearsal at 12
Fred Karno's Co., Queen and Le Brun, Society Quartette, H. Le Martine, Maudie Forde, Cissie Lawson and Co., Nellie Wileley, Julian Mack, Chris Baker, Bioscope.

TOTTENHAM.

Rehearsal at 2
Beatle and Babe, Terry and Lambert, Frank and Vesta, Queen and Le Brun, Jack Lane, Rosie Archer, Three Comertoris, Victoria Campbell, J. J. Mannix, Max Carl, Bioscope.

BRIXTON EMPRESS.

Rehearsal at 12
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Rehearsal at 10 a.m. for:—
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